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PREFACE.

Volume VI of the Reprint of the Minutes covers the years from 1828 to 1839 inclusive.

This period was perhaps the most critical in the history of the Grand Lodge and the volume containing the proceedings of these years is correspondingly interesting. The wave of anti-masonry had spread over the whole country and had a great effect on both the work and the finances of the Grand Lodge. During these twelve years warrants were granted for only three lodges; those that were in existence ceased meeting and the membership of many of them became so small that they were suspended for non-payment of dues and for failure to make returns. In 1839 only forty-five lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were in good standing.

Because of the small number of lodges, the finances of the Grand Lodge were very much impaired and the hall on Chestnut Street, where the Grand Lodge had met from 1820 to 1835, was sold and Washington Hall on Third Street was purchased and fitted up as a meeting place.

The Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge was celebrated on June 24, 1834, and at that meeting action was taken on the death of General Lafayette.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, 3d March, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Grand Master, p. t.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior grand War.
" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Junior grand War.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy grand Secy.
" J. R. Hopkins, Senior Grand D.
" Chas. Wheler, Junior Grand D.
" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" W. E. Ashton, Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 134, 138, 151, 155, 158, 159, 160, 176, 186, 187, 201, 203, 211 and 119 represented.

Thirty one Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened at 6¼ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Warrant of Lodge No. 145 vacated for delinquency of dues on the 5 June, 1826, was delivered through the R. W. D. D. G. M. of the 5h District.

A joint and several bond to Thos. Kittera, &c., executed by Solomon and Moses Allen on the day of January in the penal sum of $3000, for the faithful performance of Solomon Allen's duties as Grand Treasurer was received and approved.

A Petition was received and read from William Clark, stating that he had applied to and had been rejected in Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, as a candidate for initiation, that the causes of his rejection were now removed and that he had an application for initiation pending before Lodge No. 208. That that Lodge declined acting on his application without first receiving the permission of the grand lodge which he prays may be granted.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the said application be referred to the R. W. D. Deputy G. M. of the 12th District, Bro. John De Pui, to inquire and report.

Resolved,

That the officers of the Grand Lodge be authorized to apply to the City Councils for permission to lay down Gas Pipes in some of the public Streets near the Hall if in their opinion such application be deemed expedient.

The following Resolutions was laid on the table by Brother S. H. Thomas, viz:

Resolved, that the Warrants to Lodge No. 153, Waynesburg, Greene County and No. 177, Delaware Township, Pike County, be vacated for non payment of dues.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the first Monday in June next be assigned for the consideration of the foregoing Resolution and that the last presiding officers of the lodges interested be notified accordingly by the Grand Secretary.

Reports were received from the Comm$^{e.}$ of By Laws on the By Laws of Lodges No. 142, Humphreysville and No. 199, Jersey Shore and the same were adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Sec$^{y.}$ and Comm$^{e.}$ of y$^{e.}$ Hall for the fourth quarter of 1827 and on the receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge for the same period. Being read they were severally adopted.

A report was also received from the same Comm$^{e.}$ on the Receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge from 27^{h} December, 1826 to the 27^{h} December, 1827 and adopted as follows:

Receipts.

Lodge dues, City and County,	$4851.03	
Elsewhere,	3118.63	
		7969.66
Rent of lower rooms of the Hall,		1345.
Dispensations,		700.
Certificates,		28.
Warrants,		330.
Total,		$10372.66

Payments.

Treas^r. of La Fayette Comm^e. of Arrangement for dinner to Bro. Genl. La Fayette,		260.09
Sinking Fund,		2000.
Grand Tyler expenses, attending the Grand Officers to Chambersburg, &c.,		27.
Interest to Stockholders,		4520.
Grand Sec^y. Salary, Stationery, &c.,		800.
		7607. 9
Grand Tyler, Tyling, &c.,		180.50
Hall Committee,	$697.17	
ditto for gas establishment,	1162.54	
		1859.71
Grand Lecturer,		378.75
Total,		$10026.05

Balance in Treasury 27 Dec., 1826,	$1552.86	
Add Receipts 1827,	10372.66	
		11925.52
Deduct Payments in 1827,		10026.05
Balance in Treasury 27 Dec., 1827,		$1899.47

All of which is submitted by

WILLIAM PAGE.
WILLIAM BOYD.
BRITT. WHITE.
JOHN M. READ.

Feby. 29, 1828.

The Comm^e. of Correspondence made a report on the foreign correspondence of the grand lodge, and the same being read was adopted, viz:

That the Comm^e. have received communications from the following grand lodges since their last report, viz:

Rhode Island,	1827.	Illinois,	1826.
Louisiana,	1825.	Indiana,	1827.
Kentucky,	1826.	Delaware,	"
Virginia,	"	Mississippi,	"
Vermont,	1826.	Alabama,	"
Maryland,	"	Tennessee,	"
South Carolina,	"	Louisiana,	1827.
New York,	"	Kentucky,	"
Alabama,	"	Rhode Island,	"
Nova Scotia,	1827.	Maryland,	"
Missouri,	1826.	Vermont,	"

The Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Nova Scotia and Delaware have each transmitted a vote of thanks to this grand lodge for a copy of the Ahiman Rezon.

The Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Illinois have each adopted resolutions disapproving of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Maine in relation to certain changes in the mode of administering the Masonic degrees and approving of the conduct of this grand lodge and coinciding with the views it took of the subject. The grand lodge of Illinois refuses to recognize any person as a Mason known to be initiated in the manner proposed by the grand lodge of Maine.

The grand lodge of Vermont acknowledged the receipt of the correspondence but declines to take any order upon the subject.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana have passed a resolution to cooperate with the grand lodges in the United States for the erection of a monument to the memory of our M. W. Bro. George Washington at Mount Vernon. They have also adopted a Regulation by which they prohibit the lodges under their jurisdiction from admitting any visiting Brother unless he has a diploma from his lodge or from the grand lodge by which his lodge is constituted.

The Grand lodge of Illinois have adopted a resolution disapproving of publishing expulsions and suspensions and have resolved to discontinue the practice.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont notice an application from John S. Hart of Philadelphia, inquiring whether a Charter for a Lodge of colored masons to be located in the City of Philadelphia would be granted. The Communication was referred to a Committee who reported that the grand lodge had no power to grant a charter and that if they had, it would be inexpedient to use it.

The grand Lodge of Vermont have appointed a Committee to obtain information as to the propriety and expediency of establishing a grand lodge at Liberia on the coast of Africa.

Your Committee have been induced to give the above abstract of the proceedings of the grand lodges in communication with this grand lodge as containing all the information they thought interesting to the majority of the Brethren. In examining the correspondence they have been highly gratified with the friendly and fraternal spirit that appears to pervade the intercourse between the different grand lodges. They however find nothing that requires a specific resolution.

The following Returns and reports from the Districts were read and ordered to be filed, viz:

Second District.

Joseph Kingsbery, D. D. G. M. Annual Report on the State of the Lodges and Return of Dispensations issued in 1827.

4^{h} District.

Tho$^{s.}$ G. Crawford, D. D. G. M. Annual Report, 1827. Return of Dispensations issued, 1827.

5^{h} District.

Cha$^{s.}$ Shaler, D. D. G. M. Return of Dispensations issued, 1827.

6^{h} District.

Isaac Hiester, D. D. G. M. Return of Dispensations issued 1827.

8^{h} District.

Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M. Annual Report, 1827.

12 District.

John D'Pui, D. D. G. M. Annual Report, 1827. Return of Dispensations issued 4^{h} qr.

The grand lodge took up the order of the day, when the consideration thereof was further postponed until the third Monday of the present month.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand Communication held on the 4h December last, of the adjourned quarterly grand communication held on the 17h December last and of the General grand communication held on the 27 December last were read and severally adopted.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed.

No. 9, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Suspended A—— C——, B—— O'B—— and T—— V. H—— for n. p. d.

No. 19, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Reinstated Novem., 1822.

22, Sunbury, Penna. General Return, 1827. Rejected W—— S——.

45, Pittsburg. General Return, 1827. Expelled P—— J——, U. C. Reinstated William Snowden, H. N. Swartz.

50, West Chester. General Return, 1827. Suspended, J—— P——, J—— C——, n. p. d.

No. 59, Philadelphia. Supplementary Return, May, 1826.

61, Wilkes Barre. General Return, 1827. Suspended, J—— W——, J—— B——, J—— J. B——, A—— G——, B—— C. G—— and M—— C—— for n. p. d.

71, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Suspended, D—— S——.

72, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.

83, Damascus. General Return, 1827. Expelled, D—— R——, T—— M——, n. p. d.

84, Somerset. General Return, 1827. Expelled, R—— P——.

91, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, I—— P. C—— G—— W. B——, J—— G——, D—— L. P——, J—— B. T——, J—— C. H——, n. p. d.

94, New Hope. General Return, 1827. Suspended, C—— M——, n. p. d.

102, Frankford. General Return, 1827.
106, Williamsport. General Return, 1827. Reinstated, R—— McC——.
108, Wysox. General Return, 1827. Suspended, W. H——.
115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
119, Gibson. General Return, 1827.
123, York, York Cy. General Return, 1827. Expelled, D—— B——, W. D——, J—— G——, n. p. d. Rejected, C—— W——.
125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, M—— C. S——.
126, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
128, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J—— E——, Jr., W—— McD——, n. p. d.
130, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
131, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
136, Moortown. General Return, 1827.
141, Halifax. General Return, 1827. Suspended, A—— B——, G—— W——, C—— G——, P—— F——. Expelled, F—— M——.
146, Mead Ville. General Return, 1827.
152, Easton. General Return, 1827.
155, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827.
158, Philadelphia. General Return, 1827. Expelled, F—— L. D——, J—— S——, J—— S——, J—— W——, T—— J——, J—— W——, J—— S——, S—— P——, D—— M——, for n. p. d. W—— C——, U. C.
159, Danville. General Return, 1827.
168, Doylestown. General Return, 1827.
171, Pottstown. General Return, 1827. Reinstated, S—— S——, D—— K——, J—— S——.
172, Lebanon. General Return, 1827. Expelled, P—— R——, J—— L——, H—— S——, J—— H——, J—— G——, W—— H——, J—— G——.
176, Mt. Pleasant. General Return, 1827.
178, Huntingdon. General Return, 1827. Expelled, D—— S——, S—— G——, W—— W——, J—— McK—— and J—— M——, n. p. d. Rejected,

A—— K——, J—— M. B——, H—— L. H——, J—— E. M——, D—— W. R——.

189, General Return, 1827. Reinstated, B—— G——.

192, Bellefonte. General Return, 1827. Suspended, W—— W——, u. c.

196, Mercersburg. General Return, 1827. Expelled, G—— B——, P—— H——, C. B. C——.

197, Carlisle. General Return, 1827. Expelled, G—— R. R——. Rejected, I—— T——.

198, Shippensburg. General Return, 1827. Rejected, T—— F——.

200, Gettysburg. General Return, 1827. Suspended, T—— M. K——, u. c., T—— M. C——, u. c. Rejected, R—— T——.

202, Greencastle. General Return, 1827. Rejected, F—— D——, G—— C——.

208, Landisburg. General Return, 1827.

210, McConnelsburg. General Return, 1827. Rejected, W—— W——, J. T. C——, R—— E——.

The Committee of By Laws made Reports on the By Laws of Lodges Nos. 142 and 199 which were read and severally adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 8½ o'clock to meet on the third monday of the present month at 6 o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17 March, 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, In the Chair.

" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand Mas., p. t.

" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Senior Grand W^n., p. t.

" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Junior Grand W., p. t.

" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Alex. Quinton, Sen. Grand Deacon, p. t.
" James Gowen, Junior Grand Deacon.
" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Saml. F. Bradford, } Past Grand Masters.
" Josiah Randall, }

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72; 91, 113, 114, 115, 121, 123, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 159, 160, 168, 172, 174, 176, 186, 187, 201, 211 and 151 represented.

Thirty Four Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in due form at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The following Returns were read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 21, Harrisburg. General Return, 1827. Rejected, W—— C——.
46, Lititz. General Return, 1827.
70, Athens. General Return, 1827.
104, New Holland. General Return, 1827.
132, Waynesburg, Lan^r. Cy. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J. W. S——, n. p. d., J—— S—— and J—— S——, do. Reinstated, W—— C. S——. Rejected, A—— A. J——.
143, Chambersburg. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J—— K——.
162, New London X Roads. Suspended, T—— B——, n. p. d. Expelled, I—— H——, U. C. Suspended, R. H——, n. p. d.
164, Washington, Washington Cy. Rejected, J—— T——. Suspended, J—— K——, n. p. d.
165, Pittsburg. General Return, 1827.
179 Middle Smithfield. General Return, 1827.
183, Tredyffring or Paoli. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J. M——, n. p. d.
195, Hatborough. General Return, 1827.
199, Jersey Shore. General Return, 1827.

Bro. Depui, R. W. D. D. G. M. of the 12^h Masonic District, to whom was referred the petition of William Clark praying that permission might be granted to Lodge No. 208 to act on

his application for initiation made a report concluding with the following Resolutions which were adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that Lodge No. 208 be and they are hereby directed to take no further order or notice of the application of William Clarke a candidate for initiation and membership and to return him his petition.

Resolved, That Lodge No. 21 be and they are hereby directed to reconsider the vote rejecting William Clarke of Perry County on the next stated Lodge night and to proceed immediately to a second ballot if they think proper to or postpone the balloting until the next subsequent stated lodge night.

The following Reports on the By Laws of subordinate Lodges were presented by the Committee of By Laws and adopted, Viz: On the By laws of Lodges No. 138, 141, 184, 192, 197, 198, 208, 209, 210, 211 and 201.

An account of the balances on the Ledger of the Grand Secretary on the 27 December, 1826, was presented and directed to be filed of which the following statement is an abstract.

Dr. Balances.	
Sinking Fund,	15,851.90
Masonic Hall,	51,836.46
Subordinate Lodges, The Chapters, Mark Lodges and Encampments,	13,171.69
Rents of Hall,	370.
District Deputy Grand Masters,	281.77
Gas Manufactory,	649. 6
Ahiman Rezon,	962.40
Perpetual Insurances,	1,500.
Grand Treasury,	1,552.86
Cash on hand,	$86,176.14
Cr. Balances, Viz:	
Masonic Loans and Debts,	79000.
Subordinate Lodges,	2.25
A. Bonaffon,	600.
La Fayette Comm$^{e.}$ of Arrange$^{t.,}$	8.92
David Nathans, Grd. Lecturer,	78.75
Stockholders of the Loans,	63.
Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.,}$	6423.22
	$86176.14

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That no visitor ought to be admitted without examination into any lodge within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge unless vouched for by some member of the lodge who shall have sat with him in some lodge in this state.

Resolved,

That no examination should be gone into in any case unless the visitor shall have sent into the lodge his name written by himself, accompanied by a lodge Certificate if he hails from a lodge within this State, or a grand lodge Certificate from the proper jurisdiction if he hails from a lodge without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded immediately to each Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire whether any special measures be now necessary for the preservation and security of the interests of masonry within this Commonwealth.

Brothers Josiah Randall, Sam. F. Bradford, Bayse Newcomb, James Harper, Michael Nisbet, John Steele, Jr., John K. Kane, James M. Broome and Sam. H. Thomas were appointed a Committee under the last of the foregoing resolutions.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the term York presented at the quarterly Communication in September last was called up for consideration and on Motion made and seconded, further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

The grand lodge adjourned in harmony at half past 8 o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday the 31st inst. at the usual hour.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 31st March, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" John Steele, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secr^y.
" C. Wheeler, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" C. Stout, Junior G. Deacon, p. t.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand M.
" Norman Nash, R. W. Grand Chaplain, p. t.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 195, 211, 113, 119, 168, 172 and 174 represented.

Thirty four lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

An account of the receipts and state of the funds of the Charity Committee for the year 1827 was presented and referred to the Committee of Finance.

An account of the receipts and payments of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund and of its investments was received and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee appointed at this Communication on the 17^h inst. on the preservation of the Interests of Free masonry in this Commonwealth made a verbal report and was continued.

A Communication was received and read from the lodge at York on the subject of the amendments made by the grand lodge to its by-laws, also a Report of the Comm^e. of By-laws on said communication, together with an additional explanatory amendment to the by-laws of said lodge, and the Report being considered was adopted.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire whether any alterations are expedient in the present regulations of the grand lodge concerning the issue of grand lodge Certificates.

Whereupon, Bro^s. Randall, Nisbet and Thomas, G. C., were appointed on said Committee.

Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, was duly installed into his station and being duly proclaimed, received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

Returns from the following lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 64, Greensburg. General Return, 1827.
69, Chester. General Return, 1827.
113, Pittsburg. General Return, 1827.
173, Laurenceville. General Return, 1827. Suspended, n. p. d. A—— P——, J—— McK——. Rejected, J—— G——.
184, Fairview. General Returns, 1827.
190, Norristown. General Returns, 1827.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Sec^y.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3 June, A. D. 1828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. THO^S. KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior grand Warden.
" John Steele, R. W. Junior grand Warden.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Joseph R. Hopkins, Senior grand deacon.
" James Gowen, Junior grand deacon.
" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
" Alex. Quinton, Grand Pursuivant.
" G. T. Bedell, Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 211, 102, 119, 138, 151, 159, 176 and 195 represented.

Thirty two lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on the 3d of March and of the adjourned quarterly communications held on the 17th and 31st March ult.o. were read and adopted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of master masons residing in Fayette County praying for a Warrant to open a lodge at Union Town to be called Laurel and nominating for the first Officers thereof

Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Irwin.
Senior Warden, " L. W. Stockton.
Junior Warden, " Gabriel Evans.

And the said petition being in due form and duly recommended, On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That a Warrant be granted as prayed for Numbered 215.

A communication was received and read from a number of the Members of Lodge No. 142 at Humphreys Ville, Chester County, containing charges against Joseph Phipps formerly a member of said lodge.

A communication was also received and read from Bro. Joseph Phipps stating that since the proceedings against him had commenced he had joined another lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to investigate the charges against Bro. Joseph Phipps, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers G. H. Fairlamb, J. Hunt and W. Nelson on said Comme.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 206 formerly held in Middletown township, Susquehanna County, stating that the lodge had been removed into the township of Rush, in the same County.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the said removal be registered.

Two Communications were received and read from Committees of Lodge No. 113 in relation to the case of W. H. H—— an applicant for initiation who had been rejected.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that said Communication be referred to a Committee.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers W. W. Fetterman, A. McCandless and R. C. Townsend thereon.

A communication was received and read from several members of late lodge No. 100 formerly held at Bloomsburg, Columbia County, whose Warrant had been vacated for delinquency of dues, requesting that measures might be adopted to have them restored to the privileges of the order.

The said communication was referred to the R. W. Grand Master to take such order thereon as he might deem expedient.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Hall Committee and Gas Committee for the first quarter of the present year, also an abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge during the same time.

And the said reports were adopted.

The grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 153, Waynesburg, whose Warrant was suspended for delinquency of Dues and Returns, had since the March quarterly communication complied with the requisitions of the grand lodge and that consequently its Warrant had been revived.

The Resolution offered by the Grand Secretary at the quarterly communication in March last, to vacate the Warrant for Lodges No. 153 and No. 177 was called up for consideration and so much of the said resolution as relates to Lodge No. 177 was adopted, So the Warrant of Lodge No. 177 was vacated.

The Grand Lodge received the following returns which were ordered to be filed, Viz:

Ninth District.

Return of Dispensations issued by Bro. Thos. Burnside during the fourth quarter 1827 and first quarter 1828.

Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg. Correction of Returns to 27 Dec., 1827.

" 43, Lancaster. General Return, 1827.

" 60, Brownsville, Fayette Co. General Return, 1827. Reinstated, W. A. S——. Rejected, G—— B——. Expelled, R—— F——, W—— B——, J—— H——, R—— J——, J—— K——, n. p. d.

" 66, Morgantown, Berks Co. General Return, 1827. Expelled, R. E. S——. Suspended, B—— M——, N—— J——.

" 75, Schuylkill, Chester Co. General Return, 1827. Reinstated, M—— R——. Rejected, J—— E——.

" 82, Milford, Pike County. General Return, 1827. Expelled W. J. F——, n. p. d.

" 102, Frankford, Philad^a. Cy. Comm^n. of expulsion of T—— N. V——, U. C. and R—— F—— suspension, n. p. d.

" 116, Marietta, Lancaster County. General Return, 1827. Suspended, J—— C. S——, R—— R——, S—— E——, J—— M——, J—— R——, J—— H—— and J—— K—— for n. p. d.

" 150, Troy, Bradford County. General Return, 1827.

" 151, Allentown, Lehigh County. Rejected, S—— J——. General Return, 1827.

" 169, Columbia, Lancaster County. General Return, 1827.

" 180, Jefferson, Greene County. General Return, 1827.

" 182, Mercer, Mercer County. General Return, 1827. Expelled, H—— R. H——, u. c.

" 194, Selins Grove, Union County. General Return, 1827.

" 203, Lewistown, Mifflin County. General Return, 1827. Rejected J—— M——.

" 206, Rush tp., Susquehanna Co. General Return, 1827.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at nine o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 1 Sept., A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAM. BADGER, R. W. Dep^y. G. M., in the Chair.
" Mich^l. Nisbet, R. W. Dep^y. G. Master, p. t.
" John Steele, Jr., R. W. Sen., Gr^d. Warden, p. t.
" Joseph S. Riley, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Charles Wheeler, S. G. Deacon, p. t.
" David Moody, J. G. Deacon, p. t.
" James Hickey, Grand Pursuivant, p. t.
" Robert Piggot, D. D. Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 52, 59, 72, 91, 115, 119, 125, 126, 130, 134, 138, 160, 186, 187, 168, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty three Lodges being present by their representatives, the grand Lodge was opened in antient form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the quarterly communication in June were read and approved.

The following report was received from the Comm^e. appointed on the appeal of Stephen P. Barbier from a vote of expulsion against him in lodge No. 160, Viz:

That about the year 1822, the appellant, being then Treasurer of the lodge failed in business and became a defaulter in his office to the amount of $123. That after some time he gave to the lodge in payment or as security, two notes together amounting to the sum due from him, which notes were accepted by them. That before either of the said notes became

payable, and while by the understanding of the parties a resort to him was at least suspended and contingent, he paid up all arrears as a member and tendered his resignation. That his resignation was not accepted and after certain proceedings he was suspended, and subsequently expelled. The causes of these punishments and the circumstances under which they were inflicted, formed the principal subjects of investigation before the Committee, but as their opinion is founded on a different principle from any which they involve, it is not thought necessary to spread them before the grand lodge.

Whatever may have been the sufficiency of the Appellants offence to warrant a high degree of punishment, or however that offence may have been mitigated or otherwise by his subsequent conduct, or whatever irregularity may have afterwards existed in the proceedings of the lodge against him, this position seems to be at least unquestionable. At the time when his resignation was presented his dues as a member were paid; his previous delinquency as treasurer was covered by the securities which he had assigned to the lodge, and they had accepted those securities, he was not, therefore, a debtor to the lodge of such a certain and present character as to justify their refusal to permit him to withdraw. It is certainly not competent to a lodge which has accepted securities from a delinquent and thereupon allowed him a credit, to waive that indulgence and consider him anew as subject to censure for the delinquency before the term of credit has expired. And, in the opinion of the Committee, the refusal to accept the appellants resignation cannot be defended, unless it is assumed he was at the time liable to masonic censure.

All the subsequent proceedings were of course irregular, if the lodge exceeded their authority in refusing to accept the resignation. Had it been accepted he would have passed beyond their jurisdiction, he could not have been cited before them, could not have been suspended, could not have been expelled by them. The grand Lodge, in correcting this first errour, necessarily annul the measure by which it was followed. The Committee therefore submit for consideration the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that the resignation of S. P. Barbier addressed to Lodge La Reconnaissance on the 22d Decem., 1823, having

been irregularly disposed of is still before that Lodge and ought now to be accepted with the same effect as if it had been so determined at first.

Resolved, That the sentence of suspension and expulsion decreed against S. P. Barbier by Lodge No. 160, La Reconnaissance (having been made subsequently to an application on his part to resign and which application as he was not then liable to masonic censure ought under the circumstances to have been then accepted), be and the same are hereby removed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAM^L. H. PERKINS,
R. W. SYKES,
JOHN K. KANE, } Committee.

4 April, 1828.

And the above report being read it was adopted.

A report was received and read from the Committee of Correspondence and on motion and seconded, the consideration of the same was postponed.

The Committee appointed in Decem., 1827, on the appeal of James Wilson from a Vote of suspension against him in Lodge No. 143, made report concluding with the following resolution and the same was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That James Wilson late a member of Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, be reinstated to the full benefits of Masonry on his paying to the said Lodge the full amount for the non payment of which he was suspended, otherwise the sentence against him to remain in full force.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 104, announcing the removal thereof from New Holland to the Hat Tavern in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, and the said removal was directed to be registered.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treas., Grand Secretary and Hall Comm^e. for the second quarter of 1828. Also an abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand Lodge for the same time. And the same were approved and ordered to be filed.

A petition for Charity signed by David Elwell was received

and read and referred to the Charity Committee for such order thereon as they might be pleased to take.

Returns from the following lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 62, At Reading. Communicating rejection of D. H. B——.
" 131, Philadelphia. Of the suspension of J—— J. S—— and J—— A——for non pay^t. dues.
" 147, Bethany. General Returns, 1827.
" 163, Towanda. General Returns, 1827.
" 187, Philadelphia. Return of a special election for Wardens held 7 August, 1827, by Dispensation.
" 204, Tunkhannoc. General Return, 1827. Rejected, A. H. S——, R—— R——.
" 209, Hillsboro. General Returns, 1827. Expelled, E—— P——, u. c.
" 202, Hanover. General Returns, 1827.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st Decem., A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. Grand Master.
" Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John Steele, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" Henry Benner, R. W. Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec^y.
" John M. Read, Senior Grd. Deacon, p. t.
" Francis Cooper, Junior Grd. Deacon, p. t.
" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Saml. F. Bradford, Josiah Randall and James Harper, R. W. P. G. Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 62, 84, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 159, 160, 165, 168, 172, 173, 174, 176, 186, 187, 195, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Forty one Lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly grand Communication held 1st September last were read and adopted.

The grand Secretary reported that the Warrants of the following Lodges were at this time suspended for non payment of Dues, Viz:

No. 144, at Milton.
147, at Bethany.
150, " Troy.
185, " Braintrim.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Hall Committee for the 3d quarter. Also Reports on the a/cs of the Gas Committee for the second and third quarter of the present year and an abstract of the receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the third quarter. And the same were approved and directed to be filed.

A report was received and read from the Committee of Finance on the state of the Sinking Fund and the debts due to the grand lodge and the same was ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Report and Resolutions, Viz:

Estimate of the Receipts and disbursements of the grand Lodge for the ensuing year, Viz:

Rent of the lower rooms of the Hall, . . .	1300
ditto from Chapters, Lodges, &c., . . .	1700
Lighting lodge rooms and lower rooms of the Hall,	700
Dues from contributing members of City and Country lodges, ...	2750
Initiations 90 @ $7, 260 @ $2, ...	1150
Warrants, ...	81
Dispensations 500, ...	500
Certificates, ...	50
Total receipt Dols., ...	$8231

Interest on Loans, ...	4545	
Grand Tyler for Tyling, &c., . . .	200	
Grand Secretary's Salary, ...	500	
do. as Sec^y. Trustees Masonic Loan, . .	150	
do. for Printing, Stationery, &c., . .	150	800
Hall Committee, ...	500	
Gas Committee, ...	700	
Grand Lecturers, ...	525	7270
Surplus applicable to Sinking Fund, .		961

On the strength of the foregoing estimate the Committee of Finance offer the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, that the sum of Five thousand five hundred and forty five dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of Interest, Grand Tylers Salary and Tyling and that the grand Secretary draw on the grand Treasurer for the same,

Resolved, that the sum of Five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Hall Committee and that they draw on the grand Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, that the sum of Seven hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Gas Committee and that they draw upon the grand Treasurer for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM PAGE.
BRITT^N. WHITE.
JOHN M. READ.
JAS. M. LINNARD.

29 Novem., 1828.

And the said Report and Resolutions being read they were adopted.

An application was received from Warren Brown, a member of late lodge No. 163 at the time the Warrant was vacated 7 March, 1825, praying that he might be restored to the privileges of Masonry of which he was deprived with the other members by the vacation of the Warrant of that Lodge,

And the application of Warren Brown was granted.

A communication dated 18^h Novem., 1828, was received and read from Lodge No. 172 at Lebanon, complaining of Bro.

Henry Woodward, formerly a member of said Lodge but not at that time a member of any lodge and requesting his expulsion from the order.

The said communication was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Isaac Hiester, George Getz and George M. Keim to inquire and report.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire whether any modification be necessary in the rules for the admission of Visitors adopted on the 17h March last.

Brothers J. K. Kane, N. Fowle and James Gowen were appointed on the said Committee.

A communication was received from Lodge No. 202 at Greencastle, announcing the intention of the members to remove to another place of meeting in the same town with the approbation of the grand lodge.

A Communication was also received from Lodge No. 206 held at Bostwichs Tavern in Middletown, announcing the removal of the said lodge to the house of John Gupps in Rush township, Susquehanna County.

The removals above announced were confirmed and ordered to be registered.

This being the communication appointed by the grand lodge for the election of Officers for the ensuing year commencing from St. John's day next, on motion and seconded, the grand lodge proceeded to a ballot when the following brethren were duly elected, Viz:

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. grand Master, In the room of Bro. Kittera who declined a re-election.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy g. master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior grand Warden.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior g. Warden.
" R. Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. S. Allen who declined a re-election.
" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. grand Secretary.

The grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday the 15th of December inst.

Samuel H. Thomas,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15 December, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. THOMAS KITTERA, R. W. grand Master.
" Samuel Badger, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Senior g. Warden.
" John Steele, R. W. Junior g. Warden.
" Sam. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Sam. H. Perkins, Deputy grand Sec.
" Jos. R. Hopkins, Sen. g. Deacon.
" A. Cornman, Jun. g. Deacon, p. t.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Rob. Piggot, Grand Chaplain.
Past Grand Master, Bro. S. F. Bradford.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 136, 138, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 195, 197, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty two lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 6 o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 21 dated at Harrisburg, 1829, relative to the case of James Plitt referred to a Committee by the grand lodge on the 3d December, 1827, and it appearing that the said committee had returned all the documents referred to them to the grand Secretary and had not met, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Committee to which was referred on the 3d December last, the case of Lewis Plitt and Lodge No. 21 be discharged and that a new Committee be appointed thereon.

The R. W. grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee Brothers Read, Stout and Brown.

A communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the grand lodge of Maryland at Baltimo. dated 12 May last, relating peculiar circumstances under which he had incurred an expense of about twenty five dollars for the funeral charges of a mason under this jurisdiction who had died in poverty in Baltimore.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for Twenty five dollars and to transmit the same to the grand Secretary of the grand lodge of Maryland.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the 1st inst., reported the following modification of the existing rules and regulations on the subject of visitors and the same being read they were adopted, Viz:

Resolved, That no Visitor shall be admitted without examination into any lodge within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, unless vouched for in open lodge by a member thereof who shall have sat with the visitor in some lodge in this State, or, by a member of the lodge to which the Visitor belongs.

Resolved, that no examination shall be gone into in any case, unless the Visitor shall have sent into the lodge his name written by himself accompanied by a lodge or grand lodge Certificate if he hails from a lodge within this state or, a grand lodge certificate from the proper jurisdiction, if he hails from a lodge without the jurisdiction of this grand lodge.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Report of the Committee on the Appeal of Stephen B. Barbier considered and adopted by the grand lodge on the 1st September last be reconsidered.

Resolved,

That the said report be the order of the day for the first Monday in March next ensuing.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed.

Henry Lenhart, D. D. G. M. Return of Dispensations granted during the 1st quarter of 1828.

Lodge No. 134, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

Lodge No. 142, Sadsbury Ville. General Return, 1827.

Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

Lodge No. 211, Kensington. General Return, 1828.

Lodge No. 210, McConnelsburg. General Return, 1828.

Lodge No. 215, Uniontown. Return to dispensation to constitute shewing that the Lodge was constituted 30 June last.

On motion of the Committee of Finance.

Resolved,

That an additional appropriation of Six hundred and fifty dollars be made for the service of the present year to the Gas Committee to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at half past eight o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Sec^y.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 27 December, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. grand master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy grand master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior grand Warden.
" George M. Dallas, R. W. Junior grand Warden.
" Randall Hutchinson, R. W. grand Treas.
" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. grand Sec^y.
Past grand Master, Bro. Thos. Kittera.
Bro. Jos. R. Hopkins, Senior g. Deacon.
" James Gowen, Junior g. Deacon.
" John K. Kane, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 151, 158, 159, 160, 168, 176, 186, 187, 195, 197, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty five Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock in the morning.

So much of the minutes of the communication of the 1st inst. as relates to the election of officers being read and all the officers elect being present, they were severally installed into their respective stations and being duly proclaimed they received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the brethren.

The grand lodge received the following Returns which were read and ordered to be filed.

No. 9, General Return, 1828. Suspensions, H—— S——, W—— T——, n. p. d. Expelled, P—— G——, u. c.
No. 19, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 59, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Expelled, A. W. B——, C—— R——, n. p. d.
No. 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 71, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— L. W——.
No. 121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

The following resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted, Viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Thomas Kittera, Esquire, for the dignified, able, impartial and truly masonic manner in which he performed the arduous duties of Grand Master during the three past years and that a Committee be appointed to wait on him with a copy of this resolution.

The R. W. grand Master appointed Brothers T. B. Freeman, Nathl. Fowle and John T. Black on said Committee.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at eleven o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 2^d. A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. grand master, p. t.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior grand W^n.
" George M. Dallas, R. W. Junior g. Warden.
" Randal Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Treas^r.
" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Sec^y.
" Samuel H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec^y.

Bro. Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Charles Stout, Junior Grand Deacon.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Josiah Randall, } R. W. Past grand masters.
" James Harper, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 84, 91, 114, 119, 115, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 134, 136, 138, 158, 160, 165, 168, 172, 174, 186, 187, 197, 201, 211, 203, 51, 102 and 155 represented.

Thirty eight Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in form at seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the quarterly grand Communication of the 1st December last, of the adjourned quarterly grand communication of the 15h December last and of the general grand communication of the 27h December last were read and adopted.

The following appointments by the grand Master were announced, Viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

2nd District, Bradford and Tioga Counties. Joseph Kingsbery, of Sheshequin, Bradford County.

4th District, Franklin, Cumberland and Adams Counties. William Heyser of Chambersburg.

5th District, Westmoreland, Alleghany, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana Counties. Samuel Pettigrew of Pittsburg.

6th District, Berks and Schuylkill Counties. Francis B. Nichols of Pottsville.

7th District, Chester and Delaware Counties. Charles Kelton of West grove.

8th District, Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia Counties. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport.

10th District, Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango Counties. Stephen Barlow of Meadville.

11th District, Bucks and Montgomery Counties. John H. Hill of Hatborough.

13th District, Washington, Fayette and Greene Counties. Thos. H. Baird of Washington.

14th District, Northampton, Pike and Lehigh Counties. James M. Porter of Easton.

Deacons.

Senior, Joseph R. Hopkins.
Junior, James Gowen.

Grand Chaplains.

Revd. Geo. C. Potts.
Revd. G. T. Bedell.
Revd. W. E. Ashton.
Revd. R. W. Morgan.
Revd. Benj. Allen.
Revd. Robt. Piggot.

Grand Stewards.

Thomas Amies.
William Stephens.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Henry Horn.

Grand Marshal.

John K. Kane.

Grand Pursuivant.

David Nathans.

Grand Tyler.

Charles Schneider.

District Grand Chaplains.

2d	District,	Revd. Solomon Everts.
3d	"	Revd. Richard D. Hall.
"	"	Revd. John B. Clemson.
4th	"	Revd. Joseph Spencer.
8	"	Revd. Joseph Pui.
"	"	Revd. Wm. H. Rees.
10th	"	Revd. Timothy Alden.

Grand Committees.

Of Correspondence.
Sam. H. Perkins, Joseph S. Riley and
Jesse R. Burden.

Of Finance.

Britton White,
William Boyd, John M. Read,
Charles Wheeler and Sam[l.] Wonderly.

Of By Laws.

Sam[l.] H. Thomas,
Stephen W. Smith, N. Fowle.

Of Charity.

John T. Black,
Francis Cooper, Francis E. Brewster,
Frederick Plummer and Peter Benner.

Of the Hall.

Fred[k.] Erringer,
George W. Jones, William Weaver.

Of the Gas manufactory.

Sam[l.] M. Stewart, Charles Stout
and W. C. Brewster.

The grand Secretary nominated Bro. Sam. H. Perkins for Deputy Grand Secretary who was unanimously approved.

The grand Secretary presented the minutes of the Stockholders of the Loans of the 5 January last by which it appeared that

Edward Burd,
Stephen Girard,
Thomas Hale,
Joseph Swift,
Thomas Biddle, and
Norris Stanley

had been elected Trustees of the Loans to serve in conjunction with the grand officers.

The grand Secretary also presented the Minutes of the Trustees of the same date, by which it appeared that Edward Burd, had been elected President; Thomas Hale, Treasurer, and Sam[l.] H. Thomas, Secretary of the board for the present year.

A report was received and read from the committee appointed on the 17 December in relation to the case of P. Duffield stating that they had been unable to procure the documents on the subject in the hands of Bro. Geo. B. Porter which disabled them from proceeding to an investigation of the facts and as they had received information of the death of P. Duffield they offered the following resolution which was adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to investigate the case of P. Duffield be discharged.

Signed. W. D. Gobrecht.
Penrose Robinson.

A report was received from the Committee appointed at the quarterly communication in June last to investigate the complaint of Lodge No. 142 against Br. J—— P—— formerly a member of that lodge, stating that said P—— having refused to obey the summons to attend the meeting alleging that he had joined another lodge before the complaint against him was filed in the grand lodge, the committee proceeded to examine the testimony produced by the lodge in support of its charges, from which it appeared he had repeatedly used opprobrious language in relation to the Lodge and its members and that he had circulated reports injurious to the character of two of the members, men of respectability and good standing in Society, charging one with passing counterfeit money and the other with forgery, that although the testimony was from the necessity of the case *exparte*, yet the witnesses were respectable men whose evidence there was no reason to doubt. The committee offer the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, that J—— P—— be expelled from the rights and privileges of masonry for unmasonic conduct.

Resolved, that the Committtee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed. George A. Fairlamb.
Joshua Hunt.
William Nelson.

Decem., 1828.

And the said Report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed the 15 December last on the application from Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg for leave to raise Bro. Lewis Plitt and sundry Documents relative to his case made the following Report:

That it appears that at a stated meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21 held at the room on the 8h August, 1827, the pe-

tition of Lewis Plitt praying to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, accompanied with a proper recommendation was presented and referred to a Committee of *two* members.

This reference was contrary to the Ahiman Rezon but in conformity with the By Laws, which, your committee presume have not been revised since the publication of the last Rules and Regulations of the grand lodge.

At the next stated meeting on the 12th September the Committee made a favourable report and they then proceeded to a ballot which was not unanimous, but it was ascertained that one person who was not a member of the lodge had voted.

At this Stage your Committee think there were but two courses to have been pursued, the one to have considered this ballot as void by an individual voting who was not authorized so to do and so to have had it entered on the minutes and then immediately to have proceeded to another ballot, which if it had been favourable would have shown that there had been a mistake, and if unfavourable would have induced the friends of the candidate either to have acquiesced in the decision or to have adopted the measures pointed out by the Ahiman Rezon. The other course would have been to consider the ballot a rejection and then a motion agreeable to the rules and Regulations page 161, for a second ballot might have been made at one stated meeting and if adopted at the next or some subsequent meeting a ballot might have been had at the stated meeting next subsequent to that at which such motion was adopted.

The latter course the lodge did not adopt, and their minutes appear in so questionable a shape that it cannot be said that they then substantially adopted the former.

By the minutes it would appear that it was moved and seconded *and agreed unanimously*, that the petitioner Lewis Plitt, *have leave to withdraw his petition* in consequence of a person voting who was not a member.

Then it was moved and seconded, that the last Vote taken be reconsidered and it was then agreed to lay the petition on the table to the next stated meeting.

From this it was evident there was no personal disapprobation of the applicant, but it is impossible to say what vote was reconsidered (and that it was agreed to lay the petition over

until the next stated meeting) or what was the effect of the reconsideration, as stated on the minutes. The Lodge however, appear to have acted as if the first ballot had been entirely null and to have meant to have proceeded in that ground.

At the next stated meeting on the 10th October when the Lodge was quite thin, not more than four present, and it would appear at rather an early hour but after the hour of six, the Lodge proceeded to ballot and the candidate was declared duly approved, was introduced and initiated, other brethren arrived before and after the ceremony and do not appear to have at that time expressed any disapprobation at this mode of proceeding.

The Lodge on the 14 Novem., 1827, by Resolution adopted that evening, declared that he had been initiated contrary to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge and submitted all the facts and circumstances relative to the case to the revision of the grand lodge, and refused in the meantime further to advance Bro. Plitt in masonry.

The Lodge by Resolution adopted 10th July, 1828, have unanimously solicited the grand lodge for permission to advance Bro. Plitt to the sublime degree of a master mason as they all most solemnly aver that they believe him worthy.

Your Committee observe with great regret the irregularity that is visible through the whole course of the proceedings and think it highly censurable. They particularly point out as improper and unmasonic, the manner in which Bro. Plitt was finally elected and consider it should have been reserved to a full meeting of the Lodge or until most of the members had arrived on that evening.

The other irregularities they have pointed out in the course of this Report, but as it is evident from all the testimony exhibited that Bro. Plitt will be an acceptable and useful member of the institution and that he cannot be in any way *chargeable himself* with any Violation of our Rules.

They offer for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following resolutions, Viz:

Resolved,

That the proceedings of Lodge No. 21 so far as relates to the entering and passing Bro. Lewis Plitt be and they are hereby confirmed and rendered valid, and that Lodge No. 21 have leave further to advance him in masonry if he continues worthy.

Resolved,

That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Signed. JOHN M. READ.
CHAS. STOUT.

Feb. 28, 1829.

And the said report being read it was adopted.

Reports were received from Brothers Joseph Kingsbery, Thos. H. Crawford, James Kelton, James M. Porter, R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters on the state of their respective Districts and of masonry therein.

The Report of Bro. Thos. H. Crawford, containing some suggestions on the subject of Masonic processions so much thereof as relates to them was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers T. B. Freeman, Jas. Gowen and C. Stout and the remaining reports were directed to be filed.

An account was received and read from the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, containing a statement of the receipts and payments of their Treasurer for the past year, viz:

Receipts.		
From the Grand Lodge . . .	2000.	
Dividends on Masonic Loans, . .	752.50	
Dividends on Bank Stock, . .	472.50	
		3205.
Payments.		
54 Shares of F. and M. Bank Stock purchased at Various times aggregate cost	3224.76	
4 Shares of Masonic 5 ℘ %. Debts do. do. . . .	408.50	
		3633.26
Balance in hands of T. Hale, Treasr. 27 Decem., 1827, . . .	456.65	
Received since, ...	3205.	
		3661.65
Deduct,		
Cost of Investment per above abstract, . .		3633.26
Balance in hands of Thos. Hale, Treas., 27 December, 1828, .		28.39

The Sinking Fund on the above date, consisted of the following Stocks valued at the par thereof, viz:

105 Shares of Masonic Six % loans and Debt, ...	10,500	
24 Shares do. 5 ℘ % Debt, . .	2,400	
		12,900
164 Shares of Farmers and Mechs. Bank Stock $50 each, ...		8,200
Total, ...		21,100

The Investments at the same date in 1827 at par were	18,000
Added to the Sinking fund during the past year, .	3,100

The said account was referred to the committee of Finance for examination.

An account was received and read from the Committee of Charity for the year 1828 per the following abstract, viz:

Amount in Treasurers hands on the 1st January, 1828	$574.17
Interest thereon, ...	34.99
Dividend on Masonic Loan, ...	18.
Amount in Treas^rs. hands 1 Jan^y., 1829,	$627.16

The funds of the Charity Committee consist of the following Stocks and Cash.

In the hands of the Treas. as above, . . .	627.16
Masonic Loan, ...	600.
Gas Loan, ...	432.50
1st January, 1829, Total, . . .	$1659.66

Signed. SOL^N. ALLEN,
Treas^r.

And the said account was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treas., Grand Secretary, Hall Committee and Gas Committee for the fourth quarter of 1828 and the same were adopted. An item of 8^{97} charged in the Grand Treasurers a/c for stationery procured for the use of his office was directed to be allowed.

The Committee of Finance presented an abstract of the Receipts and payments of the grand lodge for the fourth quarter of 1828 and for the entire year which were directed to be filed. From the last it appears that the receipts and payments were as follows, viz:

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County of Phila^a.,	4279.65	
Elsewhere,	2165.68	
		6445.43
Dispensations,		431.35
Certificates,		88.
Rent of lower rooms of Hall,		1360.50
Warrant,		81.
	Dollars,	8406.18

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,		4618.
Trustees of Sinking Fund,		2000.
Grand Secretary's Salary,	500	
" " Allowance for Stat^y.,	150	
" " Salary as Sec^y.,	150	
		800.
Grand Tylers Salary, Tyling, &c.,		175.50
Hall Committee,		269.78
Gas Committee,		812.26
Grand Lecturer,		400.
T. S. Manning, Stationery for Sec^y.,		8.97
	Dollars,	9084.51

Balance in Treasury 27 Dec., 1827, . . .	1899.47
Receipts during 1828, ...	8406.18
	10305.65
Payments in 1828, ...	9084.51
Balance in Treasury 27 Decem., 1828,	1221.14

Signed. BRITTON WHITE.
JOHN M. READ.
CHAS. WHEELER.
S. WONDERLY.

The Gas Committee presented the following Report:

That on the discharge of their duty through the past year they had received from the grand treasurer the sum appropriated to their use, ... 700
And a further appropriation of, . . 650
—— $1350.
And from sundry persons for gas sold, . . 281.63
Total, ... 1631.63

Which had been expended in the following manner, viz:

Paid the grand treas. for gas sold, . . .	281.63
for sundry debts outstanding from 1827, .	211.71
for materials and making of gas, . . .	596.64
for Repairs to the works, pipes, &c., . .	285.54
Balance in their hands, principally applicable to the payment of bills for materials not yet rendered, ...	256.11
	1631.63

The Committee being also appointed to enquire into the expediency of discontinuing the manufacture of gas, are under the impression that no species of light could be procured either as cheap or satisfactory, with proper care taken in the manufacture.

Signed. SAML. M. STEWART.
J. W. KELLEY.
CHARLES STOUT.

And the report being read was adopted.

An appeal was received and read from N—— G—— complaining of the conduct of Lodge No. 160 in expelling him and praying his restoration. And the same was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers J. M. Read, T. Harper, S. H. Thomas.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the R. W. grand master is hereby authorized with the advice and consent of the elective grand officers, to appoint a suitable brother as grand lecturer to visit and inspect and instruct the subordinate Lodges in this State beyond the limits of the City and County of Philadelphia and that he be authorized to draw on the grand treasurer for such sum as may be fixed for the lecturers compensation.

A communication was received and read from Bro. Joseph Kingsbery of Lodge No. 70 and George Scott of No. 163, a committee of those lodges, dated at Sheshequin, 19 February, 1829, containing the following propositions for their Union under the Warrant of Lodge No. 70, Viz: First, that the limits of the Warrant of Lodge No. 70 be extended to Towanda during the time of the Union so that Lodge No. 70 may be held alternately at Tioga Point and Towanda.

Second, That the Warrant of the Lodge at Towanda shall only be retired during the continuance of the Union and be revived whenever good policy and the interests of Masonry may Warrant a separation and the formation again of two distinct Lodges.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the terms of Union proposed by the joint Committee of Lodges No. 71 @ 163 be accepted with the following modifications, Viz:

1st. That the Returns and Dues owing by lodge No. 163 on the 27 December last be transmitted by said Lodge forthwith or that Lodge No. 70 shall become responsible for them.

2nd. That the Warrant of Lodge No. 163 be surrendered into the keeping of the grand lodge to be restored without expense on the application of a sufficient number of approved master masons who are now members of Lodge No. 163 or who may hereafter become members of the United Lodges.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 184

dated 29 February at Fairview, Erie Cy., accompanied by the Warrant of said Lodge and stating that having taken into consideration the low state of their funds, the long remissness of the members, no new candidates for membership and no prospect of there being any, they had Resolved on the 27 Decem. That as a lodge of Freemasons they could not pursue their labours as before and transmit to the grand lodge the sum required by them. That individual appropriations to support this or any constitution that will not support itself must eventually become burthensome and that therefore they surrender their Charter to the Grand Lodge.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved, that the Surrender of the Warrant of Lodge No. 184 be accepted and the R. W. grand Master be authorized to take such order for the settlement of its affairs as he may deem necessary.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 138, dated at Orwigsburg, January 3d, stating the refusal of Brothers Michael Graeff and Saml. Hoffman, Past masters of that lodge, the latter not a member to obey a summons to assist in the installation of the Master.

The said Communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Michael Nisbet, John M. Scott, and Geo. E. Blake.

A Letter was received and read from Bro. Samuel W. Morris, dated at Wellsboro', Tioga, February 1, stating that the lodge was in a declining state and that the members had elected no officers for the present year. The said letter was ordered to be filed.

An item of unfinished business, viz: An account of A. M. Prevost amounting to $41.46 for gas retorts, presented to the grand lodge in November, 1822, and referred to the Gas Committee but on which no Report was made, was now referred to the present Gas Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the appeal of Stephen P. Barbier from a Vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge No. 160 was called up for reconsideration, and the motion for adopting the Report was rejected.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the expulsion of Stephen P. Barbier by Lodge La Reconnaisance, No. 160, for embezzling the funds of that lodge be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The following Resolution was laid upon the table, viz:

Resolved, that hereafter the brethren of the different lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia be at liberty to vouch for one another and if not vouched for it shall be the duty of the presiding Officer to appoint a Committee to examine the applicant for admission.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. A. Diamond and seconded, when the same was referred to a Committee consisting of Henry Horn, J. S. Riley and T. P. McMahon. Resolved, that no mason under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge shall be allowed to appear in a procession or other public display of the Society of odd fellows.

Reports were received from the R. W. District Deputy grand masters of the 4th, 6th, 7th, 12th and 13th Districts of the Dispensations they granted during the year 1828 and the same were ordered to be filed.

Returns were received and read from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 2, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— H. S——, A. S. A—— and C—— E——.

No. 3, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

No. 22, Sunbury, General Return, 1828. Rejected, J—— S——.

No. 45, Pittsburg. General Return, 1828. Suspended, E—— E——, R—— J——, R—— G——, G—— H. C——, J—— B. E——, D—— C. B——, n. p. d.

46, Lititz, Lancaster County. General Return, 1828.

51, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

59, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, A. V. B—— C—— R—— for n. p. d.

60, Philadelphia, say Brownsville. General Return, 1828. Expelled, E—— J——.

61, Wilkes Barre. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— D——, U. C., W—— C——, A—— P——, J—— P——, H—— J——, J—— H. C——, J—— W——, J—— R. B——, T—— S——, G—— P——, T—— K——, D—— C——, H—— L——, T—— E——, n. p. d.

62, Reading. General Return, 1828.
67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
69, Chester. General Return, 1828.
70, Athens. General Return, 1828.
71, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Special Return of officers elected, 30 January, 1829.
72, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
75, Schuylkill tp. General Return, 1828. Suspended, I—— C—— J—— G——, D—— H——, S—— B——, A—— C. C—— for n. p. d.
83, Damascus. General Return. Expelled, S—— P——, n. p. d.
91, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
94, Philadelphia, say New Hope. General Return, 1828.
102, Frankford. General Return, 1828. Expelled, T—— N. P——. Suspended, R—— F——, n. p. d.
113, Pittsburg. General Return, 1828.
123, York. General Return, 1828. Reinstated, W—— D——.
115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— L. W——. Reinstated, John Porter, Jr.
121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
126, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
128, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Expelled, J—— D——, J—— E——, n. p. d., G—— M. L——, u. c.
131, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— T. S—— and J—— A——, n. p. d.
130, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
134, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
135, Manayunk. General Return, 1828.
136, Moor Town. General Return, 1828.
138, Orwigsburg. General Return, 1828. Expelled, R—— J—— H——, u. c. Suspended, G—— W——, S—— McK——.
141, Halifax. General Return, 1828.
146, Meadville. General Return, 1828.
152, Easton. General Return, 1828.
153, Waynesburg, Greene Cy. General Return, 1828. Suspended, T—— I—— for non pay. of Dues.

155, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Expelled, T—— B——, D—— H——, J—— J——, T—— I——, J—— L——, R—— T——, V—— V—— H——, S—— H. T——, B—— P—— and S—— P—— for n. p. d.

156, Spring grove. General Return, 1828. General Return, 1827. Expelled, J—— M——, u. c., J—— H——, W—— P——, J—— B—— and R—— H—— for n. p. d.

159, Danville. General Return, 1828.

160, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

162, New London × Roads. General Return, 1828. Suspended, B—— C——, n. p. d.

171, Pottstown. General Return, 1828. Expelled, T—— T——, U. C.

172, Lebanon. General Return, 1828. Expelled, W. S. D——, U. C.

173, Laurence Ville. General Return, 1828. Suspended, W. C——, n. p. d.

174, Downingtown. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— M——, G—— B. N——, J—— T. T——, U. C.

176, Mt. Pleasant. General Return, 1828.

178, Huntingdon. General Return, 1828. Reinstated, J—— M——.

180, Jefferson. General Return, 1828.

184, Fairview. General Return, 1828.

186, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Expelled, W—— H—— and J—— D—— for n. p. d.

187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.

192, Bellefont. General Return, 1828. Reinstated, W—— W——. Suspended, S—— B. T—— for u. c.

194, Selins Grove. General Returns, 1828. Expelled J—— A——, u. c.

195, Hatboro'. General Return, 1828.

196, Mercersburg. General Return, 1828.

197, Carlisle. General Return, 1828. Expelled, W—— M——. Rejected, R—— S——.

198, Shippensburg. General Return, 1828. Rejected, H—— D——.

199, Jersey Shore. General Returns, 1828.
200, Gettysburg. General Return, 1828. Reinstated, Thomas McCreery, Thomas McKelip.
201, Mauch Chunk. General Return, 1828.
202, Green Castle. General Return, 1828.
203, Lewiston. General Return, 1828. Suspended, W. H. T——, I—— S——, W—— R——, J—— R——, S—— H——, L—— N——, W—— H—— for n. p. dues. Rejected, J—— B——, M. H. W——.
208, Landisburg. Rejected, J—— R. G——.
210, McConnelsburg. General Return, 1828.
211, Kensington. General Return, 1828.
215, Uniontown. General Return, 1828.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at Ten o'clock to meet on the third Monday of this month at 6 o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Sec^y.

PHILAD^A., Monday, 16th March, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAM^L. BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John T. Black, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Alexander Quinton, Junior Grand Deacon.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 160, 171, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty nine Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 6¾ o'clock in the evening.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 171, Pottstown, dated 12 March, 1828, appointing Bro. Emmor

T. Weaver the proxy of said lodge who was thereupon recognized as such.

A Report was received from the grand Secretary of the balances due to and from the grand lodge agreeable to its Ledger on the 27 December, 1827, and the same was ordered to be filed.

The Committee to which was referred on the 2d inst. sundry communications from Lodge No. 138, Reported,

That from the tenor of the last communication they conceive the whole matter submitted for consideration to be the right of the Lodge to summons Bros. M. Graeff and Saml. Hoffman to assist in the installation of Bro. F. B. Nichols then W. M. Elect.

Your Committee are fully of opinion that the right to summons exists with the lodge for that or any other purposes vitally affecting its interests or the interests of any of its members, as will more fully appear from page 196 of our present Ahiman Rezon.

Your Committee cannot refrain from remarking that in the present case there does not appear a necessity for the Summons as there were three past masters present a number fully adequate to the duties to be performed and further that they presume a *respectful request* or *invitation* to attend the Lodge *preceeded* the Summons, as they conceive a Summons to be only necessary in extreme cases. Your Committee offer the following Resolution, Viz:

Resolved,

That a Copy of the foregoing be transmitted to Lodge No. 138.

Resp^y. Submitted by

M. Nisbet.
G. E. Blake.

March 16, 1829.

And the above Report and Resolution were adopted.

The Lecturer for 1827 @ 1828 Reported that he had performed the duties assigned to him. That with respect to nearly all the lodges he visited, he had to remark that they had sensibly improved in the skill and uniformity of their Work since his previous biennial appearance among them. The labours of

each lodge were carefully examined and such observations made on their minutes as occasion required. Masonry in this Commonwealth may be considered as flourishing in all the thickly settled portions of the State. The lodges generally are composed of the most influential and respectable men in their respective neighbourhoods and by their strict attention to moral and masonic duties command the respect of the community. In many places where old prejudices against the order formerly existed in great force, these have either worn away entirely or have been materially diminished and it is comparatively in few places that the lodges have suffered from newly excited opposition. In the northern and thinly settled portions of the State where the lodges are few in number and most of the members reside at great distances from the lodges they belong to and from one another, their prosperity and increase have been partially checked by the systematic opposition which had its origin in a neighbouring state. In but few other parts has this opposition been of effect.

And the said Report was ordered to be filed.

Two Communications were received and read from Lodge No. 197, at Carlisle, viz:

One containing charges against Walter R. Erwin formerly a member of said Lodge but now not a member of any lodge, which was referred to a Committee consisting of

The other containing charges against J. G. Bedford also a member of said lodge but now not a member of any lodge which was referred to Bros.

An account of Bro. Chas. Schneider for expenses incurred by him in attendance on the Grand Officers in July last to Baltimore was presented and ordered to be paid, amount 16.08.

A Communication was received and read from John D. George, dated and addressed to the R. W. Senior grand Warden, announcing the death at Sea of our Revd. Brother Benj. Allen, late Grand Chaplain, and stating the destitute situation of his Wife and Children and on their behalf soliciting pecuniary assistance.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the same be referred to Bros. Nisbet, Steele and Riley to take such order thereon as they might deem expedient.

Returns were received and read as follows and ordered to be filed.

John D'Pui, R. W. Grand Master of the 12h District. Annual Report on the State of Masonry and of the Lodges in his District.

Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 82, Milford. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 119, Gibson, Sus. Cy. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 108. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 132. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 136. General Return, 1828.
Lodge No. 209. General Return, 1828. Rejected, A——N——.

The Grand Lodge Adjourned in harmony at 8 o'clock in the evening to meet again on Monday the 20 April at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

SAML. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20h April, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAML. BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" A. Quinton, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" John Y. Black, Junior G. Deacon, p. t.
" Henry Horn, Grand Sword Bearer.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 130, 134, 138, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being present the grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

The Committee on By Laws made Reports on the By Laws

of Lodges No. 46, No. 169, No. 199, No. 209 and No. 215 and said Reports were adopted.

The Committee to which was referred on the 2d inst., a Resolution offered to the grand lodge that no Mason should be allowed to appear in a procession or other public display of the Society of Odd Fellows made Report,

That from the best examination of the subject referred to them of which from the nature of the case it appears to be susceptible they are induced very briefly to advert to some of the principles that seem to be involved in its consideration.

The power of the grand lodge to control the actions and conduct of individual members of the order in the opinion of your Committee should never be exercised except upon important occasions absolutely requiring their interference to correct or remove some existing evil to the order and then only when the evil is manifest or susceptible of the most indubitable evidence and the right and power of the Grand Lodge to interfere clear and indubitable. Your committee are unable to discover that on becoming a member of the Masonic order, an individual divests himself of any of the rights he possessed as a Citizen by which he would have been enabled to become a member of any other Society the objects of which being entirely compatible with the Laws of his Country and the principles of morality.

Of the Secrets, rites and Ceremonies of the Odd fellows Society it is of course impossible for us to speak. We can only infer from the respectability of many of its members who also belong to the masonic order, that there is nothing contained therein involving in the remotest degree a violation of masonic duty, and that it is strictly a moral, charitable and beneficial institution.

The chief end and aim of all beneficial institutions being the relief of the distressed and the amelioration of the condition of the unfortunate, objects highly laudable in themselves, should entitle them to the encouragement and protection of every liberal minded member of the Community of whatever denomination, sect or persuasion he may be. The Masonic Institution justly celebrated from time immemorial for the liberality of its principles, for the Charity it dispenses, and for the harmony, brotherly love and fellowship it inculcates, should not

only abstain from presenting any obstacles to the formation and establishment, or the prosperity of other institutions having in view and aiming to promote the same great objects with itself, but should hail them as fellow labourers in the same great work, the improvement of the condition of man. And, as far as practicable extend to them its countenance and support.

Your Committee would therefore recommend to this Grand Lodge the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to adopt the Resolution offered in the Grand Lodge by Bro. A. Diamond on the 2d inst.

HENRY HORN.
JOS. S. RILEY.
T. P. MAC MAHON.

March 16, 1829.

And the said Report and Resolution attached thereto being read they were adopted.

The Resolution laid on the table on the 2d March proposing further modifications of the rule for the admission of visitors was called up for consideration and rejected.

Returns were received and read from the following lodges and the same were ordered to be filed:

No. 50, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828.
No. 52, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— F——, C—— B. H——, A. L——, S—— S——, B—— F——, M. R. G——, n. p. d.
No. 143, Chambersburg. General Return, 1829. Suspended, H. G——, R. S——, J—— W——, n. p. d.
No. 165, Pittsburg. General Return, 1829.
No. 212, Hanover. General Return, 1829.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock.

SAML. H. THOMAS,
G. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 1, A. D., A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. M. NISBET, R. W. Grand Master, p. t.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" S. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" S. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec^y.
" Alex. Quinton, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" James Gowen, Junior G. Deacon.
" Thos. Kittera, R. W. Past G. Master.
" Thos. H. Crawford, Past D. D. G. Master.
" Robert Piggot, Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 138, 143, 155, 158, 160, 170, 187, 195, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at Seven and an half o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand communication in March and of the adjourned quarterly grand communication in April were read and adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, the Hall Committee and the Gas Committee for the quarter ending the 31 March ult^o. also an abstract of the Receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge for the same period, and the same being read they were severally ordered to be filed.

The Committee to which was referred on the 2^d March last, so much of Bro. Crawfords communication and annual report as related to Masonic processions made a report thereon, accompanied by the following Resolution, Viz: Resolved, that no lodge in the country under the jurisdiction of this Grand lodge, be allowed to have a Masonic procession without first obtaining the consent of the District Deputy grand Master under whose supervision they are governed.

And the said Report and Resolution were adopted.

Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 59, Philadelphia. Return of a special election for a Senior Warden.

No. 66, Morgantown. General Return, 1828.

No. 81, Germantown. General Return, 1828. Expelled, J—— W——, n. p. d.

No. 84, Somerset. General Return, 1828.

No. 106, Williamsport. General Return, 1828.

No. 128, Philadelphia. General Return, 1828. Expelled, J—— D——, J—— E——, n. p. d. G—— McL——, U. C.

No. 138, Orwigsburg. Return of Special Election for Junior Warden.

No. 168, Doylestown. General Return, 1828. Suspended, J—— S. T——, B—— W. C——, n. p. d.

No. 196, Mercersburg. Return of Expulsion of S—— S——, U. C.

No. 206, Rush. General Return, 1828.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at half past eight o'clock in the evening.

SAMUEL H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Monday, 7th Sept., A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master, p. t.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" James Gowen, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sect.
" Charles Stout, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Y. Black, Junior Grand Deacon.
" A. Quinton, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 59, 67, 71, 91, 115, 119, 121, 126, 128, 131, 134, 138, 151, 155, 160, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty one lodges being represented, the grand lodge was opened in due form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand communication of the 1st June last were read and adopted.

The Warrant of lodge No. 183, formerly held in Tredyffring was received by hands of the Grand Secretary who announced that the lodge had discharged all its arrears of dues to the 27th December last and had deposited in his office the Minutes and other archives of the Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the Warrant of Lodge No. 183 be accepted.

A Petition was received and read from A. L. Evans stating that the Committee which was appointed in 1825 on his appeal from a vote of Expulsion against him in Lodge No. 116, held at Marietta, had never met and urging his reinstatement.

And it appearing from recommendations attached to his petition that the causes which led to his expulsion had ceased to operate, it was, on motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the Committee appointed the 1825, on the appeal of A. L. Evans be discharged and the said Evans have leave to withdraw the same and to apply for his reinstatement to the Lodge No. 116.

A Communication was received from Lodge No. 189, held at Wellsboro', Tioga County, stating its peculiar difficulties and praying the Grand Lodge to purchase its Jewels, &c.

On Motion and Seconded, the same was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee appointed on the claim of Bro. A. M. Prevost for gas retorts reported thereon with the following Resolution, Viz:

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $41^{46} in favour of A. M. Prevost.

And the said Report and resolution were adopted.

Returns were received and read from the following Lodges, Viz:

No. 183, Tredyffring. General Return 27 Decem., 1828.

No. 211, Kensington. Expulsion of H. L——.

The Grand Lodge Closed in harmony at 8 o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAM^L. BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" George M. Dallas, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" R. Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, R. W. Deputy G. Sec^y.
" Charles Stout, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" J. Keyser, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Thomas Kittera, } Past Grand Masters.
" Josiah Randall, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 75, 91, 102, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 134, 136, 138, 151, 155, 158, 160, 168, 172, 174, 186, 195, 197, 187, 201 and 212 represented.

Thirty nine Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand communication held on the 7 September, ultimo, were read and approved.

A communication was received and read from the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania, dated the 3^d July, 1829, accompanied by the Masonic Apron of our deceased Brother George Washington which had been presented to that Society by his Legatees, Viz:

"At a stated meeting of the Washington Benevolent Society of Penn^a. held on the 3^d day of July, 1829.

It was resolved that the Masonic Apron of General Wash-

ington be deposited with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, provided that the creditors agree to this disposition of it."

Signed. GEORGE HEYL,
Ass$^{t.}$ Secretary.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That Brothers Josiah Randall, James Harper and John K. Kane, be a committee to acknowledge the receipt of the above and in conjunction with the Hall Committee, to place Washington's Apron in a suitable and conspicuous situation in the Grand Lodge Room.

An Appeal was received and read from T—— R—— against a vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge No. 19 in this City. Also, a communication from Bro. Benjamin Hutchinson complaining of the conduct of Bro. James Parker a member of Lodge No. 59.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the above be referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Thomas Kittera, Samuel H. Perkins, Samuel Webb, 3^{d} Street, Alexander Quinton and Thomas Cave to enquire and Report.

A communication was received and read from the Wardens and some of the members of Lodge No. 43, held in Lancaster, requesting permission to elect on the evening of their application a number of Brethren who were formerly members, and stating that the grant of this request will according to the strongest probability, prevent the cessation of the operations of Lodge No. 43 as the present members cannot continue unless with the assistance contemplated.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That in consideration of the circumstances detailed in the communication received from Lodge No. 43, permission be hereby granted to said lodge to elect Master Masons who were formerly members that may apply for admission at the stated meeting in this month.

A report was received from the Committee of Correspondence and adopted as follows, Viz in part:

That your Committee would beg leave to state that the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Kentucky and of the District of Columbia have each passed Resolutions disapproving of any new test or different rule for the examination of visiting brethren as contrary to the fundamental principles of Masonry.

And the grand lodge of the District of Columbia notices the fact that brethren belonging to Lodges under its jurisdiction, some with, and some without certificates have been refused admission into certain Lodges under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge. By a resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, visitors must be vouched for as Master Masons by a member of the Lodge to which the Visit shall be made.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri has resolved that they will freely acquiesce in the revival of Louisiana Lodge, No. 109, at St. Genevieve, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of collecting its debts and closing its business.

The Committee appointed on the 27 December, 1828, to wait on the R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Thos. Kittera with a Resolution conveying the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge for his valuable services as R. W. Grand Master reported the following address presented to him.

"We have the honour and the pleasing authorized duty of presenting you the recorded testimony of the high sense entertained by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for your eminently useful labours in the cause of the Ancient and honourable Institution over which you presided with distinguished ability and corresponding zeal for three successive years.

The fraternity in all countries have ever been obnoxious to the censure of the unenlightened and to the traductions of the base. In many parts of sovereign and despotic Europe our masonic brethren have been persecuted unto death for masonry's sake.

Incarceration in the awful dungeons of the inquisition, the horrible torments of the rack and even the innumerable heart appalling murders committed by its powerful enemies, have not extinguished the sacred fire of the order which warms the bosom of every genuine ancient mason in every part of the habitable globe. They have sacreligiously pulled down the Temples and the Altars of Masonic Worship but all the powers of the Earth cannot extirpate devotion to our venerable, pure and holy rites

and duties thrice consecrated by the indissoluble ties of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Under our auspices and guided by your Counsel we have rather cherished benevolent than angry feelings to our deluded fellow Citizens of a Sister State, who, confounding, and uncharitably blending the errours and the crimes of the ignorant and infatuated men (but no true masons) with the order of which they were unworthy members have thought proper to array an organized formidable opposition to the whole craft. Local causes may temporarily produce local effects. Charity commands silence to the real but veiled motive of hostility. Time alone which reveals all things will elicit truth. Exposition will be succeeded by shame and remorse for the contumely now so liberally and unjustly bestowed on us.

Adverse Winds may stay the progress of the Ship and cause despondency in the Crew, but an Overruling providence, our Great Grand Master presiding in the Wisdom over the destinies of the Universe will soon cheer the hearts of the Mariners by favourable breezes to the destined Havens.

Masonry like an oppressed and persecuted Country will arise invigorated to new and successful exertions in all her might and strength against this Goliath of the Philistines. The enduring Rock of Ages will repel the impotent assaults of the storms of the Ocean fretted into furious impetuous Waves of the hour by the variable Winds of Heaven.

Respected Brother. You will excuse this apparent digression from the object in view; it is closely allied to it and serves to place in a conspicuous light your eminent services in preserving the hallowed masonic Vessel of State entrusted to your guidance through the perils which have assailed us during the chief part of your administration.

We avail ourselves of the opportunity to express personally our ardent wishes for your continued health and prosperity and greet you with sentiments of affection as friends and fellow Citizens and Brothers."

Signed. T. B. Freeman.
N. Fowle.
John T. Black.

To which the R. W. P. G. M. Brother Kittera replied as follows:

I have received your flattering address enclosing a complimentary Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During the period of my administration various circumstances prevailed to withdraw in some measure the services I had hoped to bestow upon an Institution, the utility of which none better know or are more able to appreciate than yourselves.

The prejudice which designing men are endeavouring to extend against us will be as short lived as it is bitter and unfounded.

A society based upon the principles of Masonry has nothing to dread from the attacks. Let us but oppose their clamour with silence and their malevolence with abundant and the result will be such as rarely fail to attend the efforts of the Virtuous.

Assuring you of my personal regard and esteem for you individually, believe me to be very respectfully and fraternally yours,

Signed. THOMAS KITTERA.

Sept. 1, 1829.

To Bro.
T. B. Freeman,
N. Fowle and
John T. Black.

And the above address and Reply were ordered to be extended on the Minutes.

This being the evening designated by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, a ballot was entered into when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly re-elected, Viz:

Bro.	Samuel Badger,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Michael Nisbet,	"	Deputy G. M.
"	John Steele,	"	Senior G. Warden.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Junior G. Warden.
"	Randall Hutchinson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Samuel H. Thomas,	"	Grand Secretary.

A Resolution was offered to repeal the Regulations concerning the admission of Visitors adopted on the 15 Decem., A. L.

5828, the consideration whereof was postponed until the stated communication in March next.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 28th Decem., A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAM^L. BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy G. M.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Ran^l. Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" James Gowen, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Page, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy G. Secretary.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 168, 186, 187, 211, 135, 136 and 151 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened at ten o'clock in the morning.

The minutes of the quarterly grand communication of the 7th Decem. ult^o. were produced and so much thereof as related to the election of officers being read, and the officers elect being now present they were duly installed into their respective stations and being proclaimed by the Grand Marshal they received severally the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy Grand M.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" George M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Ran^l. Hutchinson, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Hall Committee and Gas Committee for the quarters ending 30 June and 30^{h} Septem$^{r.}$ last and adopted; also the following Report of probable receipts and payments during the ensuing year with the Resolutions attached which were adopted, Viz:

The Committee of Finance beg leave respectfully to report the following estimate of Receipts and payments for the ensuing year:

Receipts.

Rents of lower Rooms of Hall,		1300
do. from Lodges, &c.,		1700
Light of Lodge Rooms, &c.,		700
Dues, contributing members,		2000
Initiations,		1000
Dispensations,		200
Certificates,		100
Probable Receipts,		7000

Payments.

Interest on Loans,		4545
Grand Secretarys Salary,	$500	
do. Allowance Stationery,	150	
do. Sec$^{y.}$ of Trustees,	150	
		800
Grand Tylers Salary and Tyling,		200
Hall Committee,		750
Gas Committee,		750
		7045

Leaving an estimated balance of Forty five dollars of expenditure greater than the Receipts and without making any appropriation for the Grand Lecturer.

The Committee regret that they are compelled to submit a statement to the Grand Lodge exhibiting a sensible decline in the receipts of the Institution. This diminution is to be accounted for in the artificial and extraordinary excitement which has unfortunately lately sprung up against Masonry and will

probably some time longer operate injuriously upon the contributions of members and the regular payment of dues from subordinate Lodges.

Under these circumstances your committee recommend a strict economy in the disbursements of the grand Lodge. The funds available will be amply sufficient to meet the Interest accruing on the Masonic Debt with other necessary contingencies, with the exception of the amount usually paid to the Grand Lecturer, and, by deferring this appropriation for another season it is hoped that the Grand Lodge will be in a situation to extend to that useful officer what his services and merits deserve.

On the strength of these considerations the Committee of Finance offer the following Resolutions.

1 Resolved,

That the Sum of $4545 be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of Interest, Grand Secretarys Salary and allowance, and the Grand Tylers Salary and allowance to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

2 Resolved,

That the sum of $750 be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Hall Committee and that they draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

3 Resolved,

That the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Gas Committee and that they draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Signed. BRITTON WHITE.
WILLIAM BOYD.
SAM^L. WONDERLY.

27 December, 1835.

On motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the Past masters of Lodge No. 126, be authorized to instal their W. M. elect as soon as it may be practicable with them, it appearing that the state of his health had not heretofore permitted it.

Returns were received from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 43, Lancaster. General Return, 1829. Suspended, J—— B——, n. p. d.

No. 19, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Expelled, J—— K—— J—— C. P——, D—— W——, n. p. d., T—— R——, u. c., C—— B——, n. p. d.

No. 52, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Expelled, R—— H—— W. B. B——, H—— A. S——.

No. 59, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Expelled, A—— N—— M—— G——, n. p. d., J—— C——, u. c.

No. 62, Wilkesbarre. General Return, 1829.

No. 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 104, Hat., P. O. General Return, 1829. Suspended, T—— C——, S—— H——, J—— W——, W—— S——, A—— L——, n. p. d.

No. 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Expelled, F. M—— u. c. Suspended, H. K——, n. p. d.

No. 138, Orwigsburg. General Return, 1829.

No. 187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
G. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st March, A. D. 1830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Saml. Black, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy G. Secretary.
" James Gowen, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Page, Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 114, 3, 91, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 172, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 211, 138, 119, 102, 50 and 168 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and Seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 Decem., 1829, were read and approved.

The following appointments were announced by the R. W. Grand Master, Viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District.

Joseph Kingsbery, Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Fourth District.

William Heyser, Chambersburg, Franklin County, for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Adams.

Fifth District.

Samuel Pettigrew of Pittsburg, for the Counties of Westmoreland, Alleghany, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

Sixth District.

Francis B. Nichols of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, for the Counties of Berks and Schuylkill.

Seventh District.

James Kelton, New London Cross Roads, Chester County, for the Counties of Chester and Delaware.

Eighth District.

Reverend Henry Lenhart, Williamsport, Lycoming County, for the Counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Ninth District.

John Scott, Huntingdon, for the Counties of Huntingdon, Centre and Mifflin.

Tenth District.

Stephen Barlow of Meadville, for the Counties of Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango.

Thirteenth District.

Thomas H. Baird, Washington, for the Counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.

Fourteenth District.

James M. Porter, Easton, for the Counties of Northumberland, Pike and Lehigh.

Third District.

Samuel Humes, Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Twelfth District.

Walter S. Franklin, Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

Grand Deacons.

Senior, James Gowen. Junior, James Page.

Grand Chaplains.

Rev^d. Geo. C. Potts. Rev^d. G. T. Bedell.
Rev^d. W^m. E. Ashton. Rev^d. R. M. Morgan.

Grand Stewards.

Thomas Amies, William Stephens.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Henry Horn.

Grand Marshal.

Francis Cooper.

Grand Pursuivant.

David Nathans.

Grand Tyler.

Chas. Schneider.

District Grand Chaplains.

2nd District, Revd. Solomon Everts.
3d ditto, Revd. R. D. Hall, Revd. J. B. Clemson.
8h District, Revd. James De Pui.
9th Do., Revd. Wm. H. Rees.
10th Do., Revd. T. Alden.

Standing Committees.

Of Correspondence.

Saml. H. Perkins. Joseph S. Riley.
J. R. Burden.

Of By Laws.

Saml. H. Thomas. S. W. Smith.
Jas. K. Kane.

Of Publication.

R. R. Moore. D. C. Skerret.
G. H. Biching.

Of Charity.

John Y. Black. A. Quinton.
F. E. Brewster. Saml. Bispham.
J. R. Chandler.

Of the Hall.

G. W. Jones. N. Fowle.
P. Fritz.

Of the Gas.

S. M. Stewart. C. Stout.
W. C. Brewster.

Of Finance.

Thomas Cave. Samuel Wonderly.
Britton White. Robert Kid.
Enos S. Gandy.

The Grand Secretary nominated Bro. Saml. H. Perkins for Assistant Grand Secretary and the said nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

A Report was received from the Committee to which was referred at the Quarterly Communication in December last an appeal from Thomas Reed against a Vote of expulsion passed against him in Lodge No. 19, which report being read was adopted as follows, Viz:

That on the night of the 5h of November last a motion was made and seconded in Lodge No. 19 for the expulsion of Thomas Reed for unmasonic conduct, which motion was immediately put and carried.

Although your Committee have with great care examined into all the circumstances which led to this expulsion they do not deem it necessary to detail them, much less to express any opinion in regard to the conduct of the appellant, in as much as they consider the proceedings of Lodge No. 19 wholly informal and irregular and they may again become the subject of decision.

They therefore submit the following Resolution, Viz:

Resolved,

That the Vote of expulsion passed against Thomas Reed by lodge No. 19 be rescinded and that he be restored to his privileges as a member thereof. The Lodge being at liberty to proceed against said member again for the same causes the proceedings heretofore having been irregular.

Signed by

THOMAS KITTERA.
S. H. PERKINS.
A. QUINTON.
SAMUEL WEBB.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 50 appointing Bro. Jesse Conard, proxy of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Bro. Jesse Conard, being duly qualified was unanimously approved of as a proxy for said Lodge.

Reports were received severally from

Bro.	Joseph Kingsbery, R. W. D.	D. G. M.	2d	District.
"	William Keyser,	ditto	4	District.
"	F. B. Nichols,	ditto	6	do.
"	Thos. H. Baird,	ditto	13	do.

on the state of the craft within their respective bounds.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the above communications with others which may have been received by the grand Secretary in relation to the present state of the Lodges and of the craft in this state, be referred to a Committee to draft an address to the Lodges in Pennsylvania on the subject of the present opposition to the institution and report the same to the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

And the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee Brothers Kittera, Harper, Dallas, Read and Kane.

A Report was received and read from the Gas Committee detailing its receipts and expenditures during the year ending 27 December ult°. and the same was ordered to be filed.

A report was received and read from the Grand Charity Committee with an account of its Receipts and payments during the past year and the same was referred to the Committee of Finance to examine and Report thereon.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the usual annual publication of suspensions and expulsions in lodges under this jurisdiction be suspended for the present year.

The Resolution offered at the Quarterly communication in December last concerning Visitors was now called up for consideration and referred on motion to a Committee consisting of Brothers J. Randall, Gowen and Thomas.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 2, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Suspended, J—— D——.

3, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Suspended, D—— S—— n. p. d.

9, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Suspended, J—— G——, G—— P. B——, S—— T——, E—— A——, n. p. d.

22, Sunbury. General Return, 1829. Expelled, J—— W——, n. p.

45, Pittsburg. General Return, 1829.

46, Lititz. General Return, 1829. Susp^d. W. H——, n. p. d. Expelled, R. R——.

50, Westchester. General Return, 1829. Suspended, T—— N——, L—— I——, E—— C——, S—— B——, n. p. d.

No. 51, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 60, Browns Ville. General Return, 1829. Expelled, R—— W. F——.

No. 61, Wilkes Barre. General Return, 1829.

No. 72, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 75, Schuylkill P. O. General Return, 1829. Expelled, Melzar Gurney the same reinstated.

No. 81, Germantown. General Return, 1829. Expelled, J—— O——, J—— S. W——, P—— M——, C. N. F——, P—— C——, H—— L——, H. S. L—— and R—— H——, n. p. d.

No. 91, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 102, Frankford. General Return, 1829. Suspended, W—— S——, D—— K——, W—— M. C——, n. p. d.

No. 104, Leacock Tp. General Return, 1829. Suspended, P—— P——, n. p. d.

No. 115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Sus., C. G. H——, M. P——, I—— S—— and R. D. S——.

No. 121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Expelled, C. J——, L—— E——, A. F. K——, n. p. d.

No. 126, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 128, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 132, Honey Brook P. O. General Return, 1829.

No. 131, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 141, Halifax. General Return, 1829. Suspended, G—— W——.

No. 143, Chambers Burg. General Return, 1829.

No. 155, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829.

No. 158, Philadelphia. General Return. Expelled, A—— P——, J—— L——, J. J. B——, n. p. d.

No. 160, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829, n. p. d. Exp$^{d.}$, A. N. G——. General Return, 1828.

No. 165, Pittsburg. General Return, 1829.

No. 162, New London × Roads. General Return, 1829. Rejected, J—— S——.

No. 171, Pottstown. General Return, 1829. Suspended, J—— S——, S—— S——, D—— K——, L—— E——, W—— G——, A—— E——, F—— S——, n. p. d.

No. 172, Lebanon. General Return, 1829. Expelled, C—— Y——.

No. 174, Downingtown. General Return, 1829. Expelled, J—— M——, U. C.

No. 176, Mount Pleasant. General Return, 1829. Suspended, W. K——, G—— F——, J—— N. M——, I—— L. W——, n. p. d.

No. 192, Bellefonte. General Return, 1829. Expelled, C—— C——.

No. 194, Selins Grove. General Return, 1829. Expelled, H—— A—— U. C.

195, Hatborough. General Return, 1829.

197, Carlisle. General Return, 1829. Suspended, J—— F——.

198, Shippensburg. General Return, 1829. Suspended, R—— S——, n. p. d.

200, Gettysburg. General Return, 1829. Suspended, S—— W——, L—— C—— and T—— G—— for non pay^t. of dues.

No. 201, Mauch Chunk. General Return, 1829.

No. 211, Kensington. General Return, 1820. Expelled, H—— L——, U. C.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8¼ o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Sec^y.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 7th A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy G. M., p. t.
" James Gowen, R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.

Bro. A. Quinton, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" R. R. Moore, R. W. Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" W. Blaney, Junior G. Deacon, p. t.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy G. Secretary.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 61, 91, 52, 114, 115, 119, 102, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 136, 138, 155, 160, 168, 187, 186 and 211 represented.

Thirty one Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and Seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Annual communication held on the 27 December last and of the Quarterly communication held on the 1st March last were read and adopted.

The Committee which was appointed on the 16 March, 1829, on the communication of John D. George of the distressed situation of the family of our Rev^d. deceased Grand Chaplain Benj. Allen, presented a Report stating they had collected Sixty five dollars from some of the members of the fraternity, which, with other monies that had been collected were invested in Trust for the benefit of the deceased brothers Widow and Children.

And the said Report was adopted.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 19 announcing the expulsion of T—— R—— a member of that Lodge for unmasonic con^t. Also an appeal from T—— R—— against said expulsion.

On motion and seconded, the same were referred to a Committee consisting of

An appeal was received and read from R—— R—— complaining of a Vote of expulsion against him in Lodge No. 46, Lititz, Lancaster County.

And on motion and Seconded, the same was referred to a Committee consisting of Abner Thomas, Samuel Ringwalt and N. Sample.

A communication was received from the Rev^d. Joseph Spencer, D. D. grand chaplain of the 4^h district, resigning his office

on a/c of his intended removal to the State of Maryland and the same was ordered to be filed.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 135, Manayunk, in relation to the conduct of William Henvis a member of that Lodge.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 208, announcing the expulsion of P. G—— for unmasonic conduct and the removal of the Lodge from Landisburg to New Bloomfield, Perry County.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary register the removal of Lodge No. 208.

Resolved,

That the communication of Lodge No. 135, in relation to William Henvis be referred to a special Committee which consists of Samuel H. Thomas, J. Y. Black and A. Quinton.

Communications were received from the following Lodges in relation to their Grand Lodge dues, viz:

From Lodge No. 141, Halifax, dated 17 April, 1830.

From Lodge No. 194, New Berlin, dated 31 March, ditto.

From Lodge No. 212, Hanover, dated 31 March, do.

And the same were referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was received and read from Stephen P. Barbier whose expulsion by Lodge No. 160 was confirmed by the Grand Lodge on the expressing his sorrow for his past offences solicitous for forgiveness.

The same was referred to a Committee consisting of Bro^s. John Kane, N. Fowle and S. H. Thomas.

A communication was received and read from Bro. George Alcorn, a Past Master Mason and many years a member of Lodge No. 115 in this City stating his incapacity by reason of age, infirmity and a broken Arm to earn a livelihood and praying for aid.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved,

That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Charity.

Returns were received and read from the following lodges, viz:

No. 43, Lancaster. General Returns, 1827, 8, 9. Suspended, n. p. d., R. C. N——, J—— S——, S—— G——, J—— B——.

83, Damascus. General Returns, 1829. Rejected, P—— B——. Suspended, J—— B——, J—— G. C——, D—— B——, n. p. d.

84, Somerset. General Return, 1829. Expelled, A. O——, Jr., J—— P——, U. C. Suspended, M. K——, n. p. d.

119, Gibson, Susquehanna Co. Expelled, E—— T——, J—— S——, P—— W——, J—— S. R——, n. p. d.

123, Hanover. General Return, 1829.

130, Philadelphia. General Return, 1830. Expelled, E. C——, u. c. Suspended, J—— S——, S. S. W——, W. M. A——, J. R——, J—— H——, J—— D. E——, T. M. H——, T. M. R——, R——, B——, n. p. d., W—— S——, u. c.

153, Waynesburg, Greene County. General Return, 1829. Expelled, T—— I——. Suspended, W. S. H——, E—— M——, T—— L——, D—— W——, J—— H——, W—— W——, W—— E——, J—— P——, J—— B. G——, H—— L——, W—— J——, S—— V——, T—— W——, n. p. d.

186, Philadelphia. General Return, 1829. Rejected, M—— F——.

199, Jersey Shore. Expelled, A. J. S. L——, u. c.

207, Brooklyn. General Return, 1829.

210, McConnelsburg. General Return, 1829.

Returns were received from the following lodges, read and ordered to be filed:

No. 208, Landisburg. General Return, 1829. Expelled, D—— G——.

" 212, Hanover. General Return, 1829.

The grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 9 o'clock to meet on the 3d Monday in July next at the prescribed hour.

SAMUEL H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th July, A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grd. Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAML. BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy G. M., p. t.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior Grand War., p. t.
" James Gowen, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grd. Secretary.
" John Y. Black, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Davis, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Fred. Plummer, Grand Chaplain, p. t.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 91, 114, 115, 152, 121, 126, 119, 130, 131, 134, 135, 138, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 211 and 136 represented.

Twenty seven Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

A Report was received from the Grand Charity C. on the application of Bro. George Alcorn for relief, referred to them at the last grand Communication, stating their unanimous opinion that it would be injudicious at this time to encroach upon the Capital of the Charity Fund. That in consideration of the particular case of Bro. Alcorn, they had through a sub-committee obtained for him from individual masons Sixteen 50/ Dollars which had been paid to him.

A Communication was received and read from Lodge No. 172, dated July 6 signed by all the members who were present at its then next preceeding meeting, stating that Dr. Samuel Seltzer a candidate for initiation had been then rejected by one unfavorable ballot and praying that he might be placed in the same situation as before his rejection forthwith.

Other communications on the same subject were received and read,

Viz: Bro. Abner Thomas' letter of 5 July, 1830 to the Grand Secretary.

Viz: A letter from the Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 172 of 14 July to the Grand Secretary.

" A Letter from a number of the officers and members to the R. W. G. M., stating in substance the worthiness of the applicant, the fact of every member present at the meeting when he was rejected having signed the memorial in his favour and the necessity of finally determining upon the fate of the applicant without awaiting the delays required by the Rules of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon

Resolved,

That Lodge No. 172, have permission to take a second ballot upon the petition of Dr. Samuel Seltzer, an applicant for Initiation at its next stated meeting, provided that every member have previous notice of such intended proceeding.

A communication was received and read from Bro. Joseph Kingsbery, acting in behalf of Lodge No. 70 at Athens, Bradford County, in relation to the particular situation of that Lodge and offering to surrender the Warrant on conditions.

A communication, dated March last was received from Lodge No. 210 on a similar subject.

On motion and Seconded, the same were referred to a Commee. consisting of James Gowen, T. B. Freeman and Samuel H. Thomas, to enquire and Report.

Returns were received and read and ordered to be filed.

No. 66, Morgantown. General Return, 1829.

" 156, Ramsay P. O. General Return, 1830. Suspended, J—— F——, D—— Z——, J—— P——, n. p. d.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of By Laws on the By Laws of Lodge No. 209 and adopted.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock P. M.

SAML. H. THOMAS,
G. S.

PHILAD^A., Monday, 6^h Septem., A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior G. Warden, P. T.
" A. Quinton, R. W. Junior G. Warden, P. T.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, Deputy Grand Sec^y.
" John Y. Black, Senior Grand D.
" Prior, Junior G. Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" F. Helmbold, Grand Pursuivant.
" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 211, 195 and 203 represented.

Twenty six Lodges being represented the grand Lodge opened at 20 minutes past 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of Visitors were admitted.

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 7^h June, 1830, and of that held on the 19^h July, 1830, were read and

On motion and Seconded, they were severally adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee of By Laws on the By Laws of Nos. 138, 156, 169, 199, 180, 211 and 212 and were severally adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 19^h July last on the Communications received from Lodges No. 70 @ 210 made the following Report, Viz:

That Lodge No. 70 is next to the lodge at Wilkes Barre, the oldest in the N. E. portion of our State, has always sustained a high character and was the parent of a number of lodges in Bradford and the neighbouring Counties.

For some years the prosperity of this Lodge has been depressed owing to various causes not necessary here to detail and yet has all along endeavoured to sustain itself against many adverse circumstances.

From the communication under consideration, and referred

to your Committee, it appears, that being situated near the Forks of the Newtown or Tioga Branch of the Susquehanna River, it has from its peculiar locality been materially affected by the tide of anti masonic feeling from the neighbouring state of New York insomuch that its existence as a lodge hangs but on a thread, not more than 5 a 6 members attending the meetings and these under feelings of discouragement.

The few active members are averse to the surrender of the Warrant, unless upon such conditions as will enable them to resume it with the rank to which an elder Warrant is entitled, and yet at the same time find it impossible to continue and pay the usual assessment of the Grand Lodge for Dues.

It may be observed that the lodge had but recently succeeded in the liquidation of a debt of long standing of a considerable sum owing to the grand lodge and that all its dues are discharged to 28 Decem. inclusive.

The lodge asks for permission to lay down its Warrant now and to resume it when ready to re-commence its labours.

The Committee find that it has been the almost universal practice of the Grand Lodge to permit the members of a suspended or vacated Lodge to resume their labours on payment of the arrears to the grand lodge, due at the time of the suspension, thus virtually relinquishing the dues which might be owing or have accrued between the resumption and suspension of their labours. In fact no dues can be said to accrue whilst a lodge ceases to hold its meetings and thus suspends its labours.

Considering that from the representation made by Lodge No. 70, that it will ere long be able to resume its labours and that it would be impolitic at this time to encourage the surrender of Warrants of subordinate lodges but upon strong grounds, and upon the supposition that such surrender would be perpetual, the Committee would offer the following

Resolution, Viz:

That Lodge No. 70, be hereby authorized to suspend the meetings thereof and its labours until the stated meeting next preceding the ensuing St. John's Day and after the election and installation of the Master at that meeting, to suspend them for a further term of 12 months, without being liable for the assessment of dues in the interim of suspension commencing with the date of the application to the G. L.

Resolved,

That Lodge No. 210's surrender of its warrant be accepted.

Signed. T. B. Freeman.
Sam^L. H. Thomas.
Committee.

On Motion and Seconded,

The above Report was adopted.

A Report was received from the Committee appointed at the Meeting of the 7 June last on the Communication of the 7 June last concerning Wm. Henvis, a present member of said lodge, concluding with the following Resolution:

Resolved,

That Lodge No. 135 be authorized to strike from its Roll of members forthwith, the name of the said William Henvis with power to proceed against that person at such time hereafter as the lodge may deem expedient on the charge alleged against him in the Communication addressed to the grand lodge on the 29^h May ult^o, such subsequent proceeding to be according to the Rules of the grand lodge prescribed in the case of accused Members.

Signed. S. H. Thomas.
J. Y. Black.
A. Quinton.

Sept. 6, 1830.

And the Report and Resolution were adopted.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the 2 March, 1829, on the appeal of A. N. Girault from a vote of expulsion against him in Lodge No. 160, concluding with the following resolution, Viz:

That the petitioner A. N. Girault, upon paying the arrears of his initiation fees and dues to Lodge La Reconnaisance to the time of his suspension, be and he is hereby restored to the full possession of the rights of the order, but not to membership in that Lodge, with full liberty to apply to that or any other lodge for admission as a member.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock in the evening.

S. H. Thomas,
G. S.

MONDAY, 6h December, A. L. 5830, A. D. 1830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL BADGER, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Senior Grand W.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" James Gowen, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Page, Junior Grand Deacon.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Thomas Kittera, Josiah Randall, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 158, 160, 168, 186, 187, 211 and 197 represented.

Twenty nine Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and Seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A report was received from the Committee of By-Laws on the By-Laws of Lodge No. 59 and the same being read was adopted.

An application was received and read from the Lodge No. 174 at Downingtown, praying for a remission of its dues on account of the expense incurred in building a Hall, &c., and

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the said application be referred to the Committee of Finance.

The minutes of the meeting of the Grand Lodge held on the 6h September ultº. were read and adopted.

Reports were received from the Committee of By Laws on the By Laws of Lodges No. 46 and 203 and adopted.

A report was received from the Comeº. of Correspondence on the Communications received from foreign grand Lodges and the same being read was adopted as follows:

A petition was received and read from Lodge No. 174 at

Downingtown, dated 17 Novem. ult$^{o.}$ praying for a remission of the dues accrued.

On motion and seconded, the same was referred to the Comm$^{e.}$ of Finance.

This being the evening appointed by the Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Lodge for the annual election of officers, the grand lodge proceeded to a ballot for them whereupon it appeared that

Bro. Michael Nisbet, was duly elected R. W. Grand Master.
Bro. John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Sen$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Warden.
Bro. T. B. Freeman, R. W. Jun$^{r.}$ Grd. Warden.
Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.

The grand lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, P. M.

SAM$^{L.}$ H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 27^{h} December, A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. M. NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Sam$^{l.}$ H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary, and the Representatives of twenty four Lodges.

So much of the minutes of the Meeting of the 6 December inst. as related to the election of officers being read and all of them being present they were severally installed into their respective stations and being duly proclaimed received the cordial and accustomed salutations of the Brethren.

Bro. T. B. Freeman, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, presented to the Grand Lodge a copy of a new edition of an address on the principles of Free Masonry delivered by him at Germantown,

the 22d June, 1821, to Hiram Lodge No. 81, accompanied with a fac simile of the answer of our deceased Brother Genl. George Washington, dated 27 Dec., 1797, to an address of the Grand Lodge of the same date. Also, with a copy of the Fac simile in a neat gilt frame.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to our R. W. Brother Freeman for his valuable present of the copy of a fac simile of Genl. Washington's address; also for his additional present of copies bound up with his address one of which the grand Secretary be directed to forward to each grd. lodge in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Penna.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form at 10½ o'clock, A. M. and closed in harmony at 12 o'clock, A. M.

SAML. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7 March, A. D. 1831, A. L. 5831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. JOHN STEELE, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior G. Warden, P. T.
" John Y. Black, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. H. Perkins, R. W. Deputy G. Secy.
" J. Curtis, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" Charles Stout, Junior G. Deacon.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Saml. H. Stewart, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 50, 51, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 138, 155, 186, 187, 211, 106 and 136 represented.

Twenty three Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in due form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the G. L. 6 December and 27 Decem. were read and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master, p. t. was pleased to announce the following appointments of the R. W. Grand Master who was absent from this meeting by reason of severe sickness, viz:

Bro. James Gowen, S. G. Deacon.

" G. C. Potts,
" G. T. Bedell,
" W. E. Ashton,
" R. M. Morgan,
} Grand Chaplains.

Grand Stewards.

Bro. Thomas Amies. R. Desilver.

Grand Sword Bearer.

R. R. Moore.

Grand Marshal.

Francis Cooper.

Grand Pursuivant.

David Nathans.

Grand Tyler.

Chas. Schneider.

Grand Committees.

Of Correspondence.

Bro. Saml. H. Perkins, J. S. Riley.
J. R. Burden.

Of By Laws.

Bro. Saml. H. Thomas. S. W. Smith.
J. K. Kane.

Of Publication.

Bro. D. C. Skerret. G. H. Bicking.
R. P. Smith.

Of the Hall.

Bro. G. W. Jones. P. Fritz and Wm. Stephens.

Of Finance.

Bro. S. Wonderly. T. Cave. M. E. Israel. E. S. Gandy and E. W. Keyser.

Of Charity.

Bro. J. R. Chandler. T. E. Brewster. S. Bispham. A. Quinton and I. W. Dickson.

Of the Gas Manufactory.

Bro. J. Y. Black. W. C. Brewster, M. D. Saml. Webb.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District.
Bro. Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, Bradford County.

Third District.
Bro. Saml. Humes of Lancaster, Lancaster C^y.

Fourth District.
Bro. Wm. Heyser, Chambersburg, Franklin C^y.

Fifth District.
Bro. Shepley R. Holmes, Pittsburg, Alleghany County.

Sixth District.
Bro. George M. Keim of Reading, Berks County.

Seventh District.
Bro. James Kelton of London Grove, Chester County.

Eighth District.
Bro. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, Lycoming County.

Twelfth District.
Bro. W. S. Franklin, Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

Tenth District.
Bro. Stephen Barlow, Meadville, Crawford County.

Thirteenth District.
Bro. Thos. H. Baird, Washington, Wash^g. Co.

Fourteenth District.
Bro. James M. Porter, Easton, Northampton C^y.

The R. W. grand Secretary nominated Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins as deputy Grand Secretary which nomination was unanimously confirmed.

The Trustees of the Masonic Loans Sinking Fund presented an a/c of their receipts and payments for the last year and of the state of the Fund whereby it appeared that on the 18 Jan$^{y.}$ inst. there was a Cash balance due the Treasurer of $54^{36} and that the Capital of the Sinking Fund on that day was invested in the following Stocks,

Viz:	200 Shares of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank (a par)	$10,000
	115 Shares of Masonic Loans and debt 6% (a par)	11,500
	24 ditto of 5%	2,400
		23,900

The Charity Committee reported the following a/c of the fund under their Care and the same was, with above referred to the Committee of Finance, Viz:

Certificates of Gas Loan, ...	432.50
ditto " 6% Masonic Debt, ...	700.00
do. " 5% ditto, ...	200.
Note of Solomon Allen, ...	458.12
	1790.12
Investments and Cash 27 Decem., 1829, Were, .	1711.22
Increased 1 year, .	79.40

A communication was received from the Committee of Finance as follows, viz:

The a/cs and estimates are under consideration and shall be ready to be placed before the Grand Lodge at their next meeting in the meantime they recommend the grand lodge to pass the following resolutions.

Resolved,

That the sum of Four thousand seven hundred and forty five Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the payment of

Interest and Grand Tylers Salary, to be drawn for under the usual restrictions.

Resolved,

That the sum of six hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Hall Committee and that they draw upon the grand treasurer for the same.

Resolved,

That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the use of the Gas Committee and that they draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the same.

Your Committee beg leave to state that the Masonic Property in Chestnut Street has been entrusted into the hands of nine Brethren as joint tenants, six of them are since deceased; they therefore recommend the grand lodge that the six grand officers be added to the number still living; they also state that Mr. Bonaffons lease of the lower rooms will expire on the 27 September next and having understood that Mr. Bonaffon was desirous of having it renewed for only six months, they suggest to the Grand lodge the propriety of authorizing the grand Officers in conjunction with the Hall Committee, to advertise those rooms to be leased, as the Committee are of opinion that more can be obtained than is now received.

On Motion and seconded, the foregoing Report and Resolutions were adopted.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That under the directions of the Committee of Finance the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to nine of its members of whom the present surviving Trustees, choosing to serve shall constitute a part.

Resolved,

That the Hall Committee and Grand officers conjointly have power to lease the unoccupied part of the Hall for a term not exceeding five years.

Returns were received from Lodges No. 2, 3, 50, 51, 67, 121, 114, 158, 211 and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at 7½ o'clock in the evening to meet on the first Monday in April next.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4 April, 1831, A. L. 5831.

Adjourned Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

Bro. M. NISBET, R. W. G. Master.
" John Steele, R. W. D. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. S. G. Warden, p. t.
" James Gowen, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" J. L. Dougherty, S. G. Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, J. G. Deacon.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" E. T. Weaver, Grand Sword B.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 119, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 136, 138, 155, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

On Motion and seconded, a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted.

The Committee to which was referred the petition of S. P. Barbier late a member of Lodge No. 160 for reinstatement into his masonic privileges Reported

That believing the conduct of the petitioner since his expulsion to have been correct and masonic, and considering the measure of his punishment now sustained as in a degree commensurate with his offences and relying on the sincerity of his repentance, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, Viz:

Resolved, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The above Report and Resolution were adopted.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That Brothers Read, Fowle and Stewart be a Committee to inquire into the present state of the Gas Establishment and the means of rendering it more profitable than it now is.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8½ o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6 June, A. D. 1831, A. L. 5831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand M.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.
" R. R. Moore, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Stewart, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" S. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. Black, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" Jon^n. Curtis, Junior G. Deacon, p. t.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 91, 114, 115, 119, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 138, 158, 186, 211 and 136 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the quarterly grand Communication of 7 March and continued by adjournment were read and adopted.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

A Petition was received and read from a sufficient number of Brethren residing in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, praying for a Warrant to open and hold a Lodge in that place to be called Pulaski. And the said petition being in due form and recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That a Warrant be granted as prayed for numbered 216.

A Report was received from the Committee on the Gas Establishment concluding with the following resolutions, which were adopted and the Committee continued, viz:

Resolved, That Bro. J. Y. Black, chairman of the Gas Committee of this Grand Lodge, be and he is hereby authorized to proceed to the City of New York and to make all such inquiries and procure all such information relative to the Gas establishment there, as may to him appear expedient and proper and that he have full authority to obtain such models and drawings of the Gas apparatus as to him may seem necessary. Resolved,

that the expenses attending such visits and enquiry be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the additional Regulations concerning visitors be submitted to a Committee with a view to their revision or repeal.

Brothers J. M. Read, Saml. H. Perkins and Robt. Desilver were appointed on the said Committee.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 9 o'clock in the evening to Monday the 18 July next.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18 July, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.
" John Hogan, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Saml. Black, Senior G. Deacon, p. t.
" D. Moody, Junior G. Deacon, p. t.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" F. Cooper, Grand Sword Bearer.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 91, 114, 115, 126, 119, 130, 131, 134, 136, 138, 155, 108, 186, 158 and 203 represented.

Twenty two Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A Communication was received and read from Bro. J. Y. Black appointed to collect information in relation to the management of Gas establishments relating his proceedings under the appointment of the grand Lodge.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to him for the faithful performance of his duties.

A Report was received and read from the Committee appointed on the subject of the Gas establishment concluding with the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved,

That the Chairman of the Gas Committee under the direction of the Grand Officers, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause a bench of four Retorts banded, to be immediately constructed in the present Gas House, either by contract or otherwise as may be deemed most expedient.

Resolved,

That the sum of one thousand dollars be and it is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses attending the execution of the foregoing Resolution.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5 Sept., A. L. 5831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. M. NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand M.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Senior G. Warden, p. t.
" Chas. Stout, R. W. Junior G. Warden, p. t.
" David Moody, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Alexander Quinton, Junior G. Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" W. Kirkpatrick, Grand S^d. Bea.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 130, 131, 134, 158, 186, 187, 211, 119, 138, 155, 174 and 211 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the preceding Quart^y. Comm^ns. were read and adopted.

A Report was received from the Comm^e. of By-Laws on the By-Laws of No. 216 which was read and adopted.

Reports were received and read from the Committee of Finance on the a/cs of the grand Treasurer, Secretary and Gas Committee; also on the quarterly receipts and payments of the Grand Lodge and the same were ordered to be filed.

A Return was received and read to the dispensation authorizing Lodge No. 216 to be constituted and shewing that the lodge was constituted on the 9^h July last.

The grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 8 o'clock in the evening to meet on the first Monday in October next at 6 P. M.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3 October, 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. M. NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy G. Master.
" Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Senr. G. Warden.
" T. B. Freeman, R. W. Junior G. Warden.
" A. Quinton, Senior G. Deacon.
" R. R. Moore, Junior G. Deacon.
" C. Remington, Grand Pursuivant.
" Saml. H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Sec^y.
" Thos. Kittera, R. W. Past G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 130, 131, 168, 187, 211, 119 and 138 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the grand lodge was opened in ample form at 6¾ o'clock.

On Motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

A Petition was received and read from a number of Masons residing in Monte Video, praying for a Warrant to open a Lodge in that place and was referred to a Committee consisting of

Reports were received from the comm^{e}. of Finance on the a/cs of the Grand Treasurer, Secretary and Gas Committee and on the Receipts and payments of the grand lodge for 1830 and were ordered to be filed.

A Communication was also received from the Comm$^{e.}$ of Finance suggesting certain alterations in the mode of keeping the a/cs of the grand lodge and management of the Hall and Gas Manufactory.

On Motion and seconded,

Resolved,

That so much of the Report of the Committee of Finance as relates to the a/cs of the grand lodge be referred to that Committee.

Resolved, That so much of the said Report as relates to the care and supervision of the Hall and of the Gas Manufactory be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Steele, Stewart and Read to inquire and Report.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 8 o'clock to meet on Monday, the 7^{h} November next at 6 o'clock.

SAM$^{L.}$ H. THOMAS,
G. Secretary.

MONDAY, 7^{h} November, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	J. W. Dickson,	"	Senior Grand Warden, p. t.
"	William Bozorth,	"	Junior Grand Warden, p. t.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Samuel H. Thomas,	"	Grand Secretary.

Bro. John Hogan, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" Ferguson Kirkpatrick, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" Enos S. Gandy, Grand Sword Bearer, p. t.
" J. Bradley, Grand Marshal, p. t.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 71, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 125, 186, 211, 119, 138 and 203 represented.

Twenty one Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock in the evening.

A Report was received from "the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Committee of Finance as relates to dispensing with the Hall and Gas committee" and read as follows, viz:

That previous to the year 1825, the masonic Hall and the Gas manufactory were under the charge of separate committees. On the adoption of The Ahiman Rezon, on the 18 April, 1825, these establishments were both placed under the charge of a single committee composed of five members and called "The Hall Committee."

By the 26 section of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (Ahiman Rezon page 149, 150,) that committee are stated to "have the care of the Hall and Lots on which it is erected, and the supervision of the Jewels and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and they are to cause the same to be kept in good order. They provide the necessary fuel and light, and for the latter purpose conduct the Gas manufactory belonging to the Grand Lodge. They may let the rooms of the Hall at the rents ascertained by the Grand Lodge and are to report to the Grand Secretary on or before St. John's the Evangelist's day annually, the changes in the occupation of the Lodge Room and the number of extra meetings held by each subordinate Lodge. They are to suffer no use to be made of the building or any part thereof which may vitiate the policies of insurance thereon."

It was found exceedingly difficult to procure a quorum of so large a committee, to transact the daily business entrusted to their care, and also that it required too great a sacrifice of private interest to pay the necessary attention to the gas manufactory, in addition to the other labours of the Hall committee.

Accordingly on the 27 December, 1827, the Gas establishment was entrusted to a separate committee of three members, and the number of the Hall committee was reduced from five to three.

This has been the arrangement up to the present time.

The expenses of the different committees, or rather of the establishments under their charge from 1824 inclusive have been as follows:

	Hall.	Gas.	Total.
1824.	440.10	205.30	645.41
1825.	326.61	231.97	561.58
1826.	495.92	917.57	1413.49
1827.	697.17	1162.54	1859.71
1828.	269.78	812.26	1082.04
1829.	750.00	750.00	1500.00
about 1830.	797.45	715.56	1513.01

This statement shews a large increase of expenditure since 1824 and is alone sufficient to put the Grand Lodge on the enquiry whether it cannot be reduced.

The evils of conducting a practical business by committees consists in the devision of responsibility, if all attend, and the total want of it, of the actual labours (as it too often happens) falls upon a single member of a committee consisting of three or five members. Besides no single individual can be expected to sacrifice a large portion of his private interest for the public good without compensation and the consequence is a change of members from year to year, bringing in annually new hands unacquainted with the necessary details. Without intending any reflection on any individual, your committee cannot but observe that it has become perfectly evident to the members of the Grand Lodge who have enquired at all into the matters committed to the care of the Hall and Gas committees, that there must be a total change of system, in order to support the respectability and dignity of our institution. The external and internal appearance and actual condition of the Hall and the Gas Manufactory, shew the imperious necessity of a speedy renovation.

The Gas establishment is by a late resolution of the Grand

Lodge to be repaired and improved. These works it is evident must be placed under the care of one competent and responsible person practically and theoretically acquainted with the whole process. This is necessary to secure an economical as well as regular supply of gas to the Hall.

A single individual can also much better discharge the duties now devolved upon the Hall committee which are practical and only require the occasional supervision of some higher authority.

It will of course be necessary to compensate such individuals for the sacrifice of their personal interest and the time and labour expended in the service of the institution. One Person could discharge the duties now imposed on the Two committees and your committee agree with the Committee of Finance "That the Hall and Gas committees should be dispensed with and that a suitable person should be employed to take charge of the Hall and Gas establishments." Your committee are of opinion that he should be placed under the direction of the Grand officers.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that so much of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, as directs the appointment of the Hall committee and Gas committee be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the duties now discharged by the said committees be devolved upon one person to be appointed annually by the Grand Master and to be called "The Superintendent of The Hall and Gas" and who shall be compensated in such manner as shall be agreed upon by the Grand officers and shall be subject in all matters to their direction and controul.

Resolved, That all drafts drawn by the said superintendent upon the Grand Treasurer shall be approved by the Grand Master before they are presented to the chairman of the committee of Finance for Registry.

Resolved, That all moneys received by the superintendent from the Rents of the Hall and the receipts of the gas establishment shall be forthwith paid over by him to the Grand Treasurer.

John Steele,
S. M. Stewart, } Com^e.
John M. Read,

On motion and seconded, the said Report and Resolutions

were laid over until the Quarterly Grand communication in December next.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be under the Direction of the Grand officers, to cause the iron railing and wall in front of the Hall on Chestnut street with the gates, &c., to be taken down and disposed of at public or private sale as may be deemed most expedient, and also to have the area or Lot in front of the Hall paved and repaired in a substantial and ornamental manner, and to cause such other alterations to be made therein as may be found necessary.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Steele, Read and Stewart to be that committee.

On motion and seconded, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

Whereas, the citizens residing in the vicinity of the Masonic Hall are desirous of contributing to the contemplated improvement and decoration of the front of the Hall, by furnishing ornamental Lamps and Lamp posts provided the Grand Lodge will light them with gas.

Resolved, That the Gas committee be and they are hereby authorized whilst the contemplated improvements are making, and the Lamps and Lamp-posts are furnished, to conduct the Gas from the Masonic Hall to the said Lamps and that at all seasons of the year when necessary, the said Lamps shall be lighted up with gas at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Masonic Loans be and they are hereby empowered to discharge from the avails of the sinking fund the stock certificates for $20,000 (being the "additional Masonic Loan") redeemable on the 1st day of January next, also to satisfy the Mortgage to Stephen Girard for $5000, if in the opinion of the Trustees the same shall be by them deemed expedient.

Also, for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect with the greatest economy to the Grand Lodge,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Loans be empowered to retain the stock, now composing the Sinking fund and to borrow a further sum on the faith of the Grand Lodge and mort-

gage of its property at an Interest not exceeding five per cent. and for a term not exceeding Ten years.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance.

The Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 8½ o'clock in the evening.

SAM^L. H. THOMAS,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, 5th December, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" George M. Dallas, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Tristram B. Freeman, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" Samuel M. Stewart, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel H. Perkins, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" William Badger, Deputy G. Secretary, P. T.
" Charles Stout, Senior G. Deacon, P. T.
" David Moody, Junior G. Deacon, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Samuel Badger, James Harper, Josiah Randall and Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 21, 197, 203, 62, 106, 113, 174, 172, 152, 159, 176, 165, 168, 171 and 50 represented.

Thirty nine Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6½ o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, the reading of the minutes of the preceeding Quarterly and adjourned grand communications were dispensed with.

On motion and seconded, the unfinished business of the Grand Lodge was ordered to be taken up.

On motion and seconded, the Grand Lodge proceeded to

the consideration of the Report and resolutions thereto attached recommending the abolition of The Hall and Gas Committees, read at the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 7 November last and laid over until the present Quarterly Grand communication.

After some discussion on motion made and seconded, the said resolutions and report were adopted.

A Letter from Brother Samuel H. Thomas, R. W. Grand Secretary, declining a reelection to that office was read by the R. W. Grand Master.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of The Grand Lodge for the annual election of officers The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot for them whereupon it appeared that the following Brethren were duly reelected, viz:

Bro.	Michael Nisbet,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.

and that Bro. John M. Read was duly elected R. W. Grand Secretary in the place of Bro. Samuel H. Thomas who declined a reelection.

On motion and seconded, it was unanimously Resolved, that the thanks of The Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Samuel H. Thomas for his able and faithful performance of the duties of Grand Secretary for so many years past.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at nine o'clock in the evening to Monday, the 19th December instant.

MONDAY, 19th December, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master, p. t.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Deputy Grand Master, p. t.
"	Charles Stout,	"	Senior Grand Warden, p. t.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	Junior Grand Warden, p. t.

Bro. Samuel M. Stewart, R. W. Grand Master.
" John M. Read " Grand Secretary, p. t.
" John Y. Black, Senior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" Joseph K. Helmbold, Junior Grand Deacon, p. t.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain, p. t.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 9, 71, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 158, 168, 186, 211 and 203 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 20 minutes past 6 o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication held on the 5th September, and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand communications held the 3d October and 7th November last were read.

And on motion made and seconded, they were severally adopted.

A Report was received from the Committee of Finance as follows, viz: The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the question on the expediency of appointing from the Grand Lodge such members as they should deem proper in addition to and in connection with the present surviving Trustees of the property of the Grand Lodge beg leave to

Report,

That after taking legal advice and carefully examining the Deed of Trust from the Gr. Lodge they are of opinion that it is unnecessary to cause new deeds to be drawn for the purpose of introducing therein other additional names, as no inconvenience can possibly arise from suffering the Deed to remain in its proper form. Your committee are sensible that the subject would not have been agitated but for the opinion of several members, that some inconvenience might arise from the death of some or all the Trustees named in the present Deed, but as provision has been made by the Legislature of this State to meet such a contingency, your committee consider it impolitic to increase the number of the Grand Lodge title papers.

Your committee not having received the accounts necessary for their report on the latter part of the year and for the estimates are not able to report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WONDERLY, Ch^n.,
ENOS S. GANDY, } Committee.

Philad^a., Dec. 19th, 1831.

Which report was read and on motion and seconded, laid on the table.

Bro. John M. Read, Grand Secretary, p. t., made an exposition of the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge, shewing the State of its Debts. The sinking fund the amounts to be paid off on the 1st January, 1832, and also the amount of interest also to be paid to the Holders of the Debt on that day, with the small balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the payment of this interest.

The R. W. Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to this subject, and expressed an earnest desire that the different Lodges would pay over to the Grand Treasurer on or before the 31st December instant, on account of their dues to the Grand Lodge, all that they could possibly spare.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 15 minutes before 8 o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary, P. T.

TUESDAY, 27 December, A. L. 5831, A. D. 1831.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	" "	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	" "	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John W. Dickson,	" "	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" "	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	" "	Grand Secretary.

Bro. Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 19, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 168, 186, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10¼ o'clock in the morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Grand communication of the 5th inst. as related to the election of officers being Read and all the officers elect excepting Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, being present, they were severally installed into their respective offices and being duly proclaimed, received the accustomed salutations of the Craft, viz:

Bro.	Michael Nisbet,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	" " Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	" " Junior Grand Warden.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" " Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	" " Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments, viz:

Bro. Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" G. C. Potts,
" G. T. Bedell,
" M. E. Ashton,
" R. W. Morgan,
" Robert Piggot,
" Frederick Plummer, } Grand Chaplains.
" Thomas Amies,
" Robert Desilver, } Grand Stewards.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler.
" John Y. Black, Superintendent of The Hall and Gas.

Grand Committees.

Of Charity.

Bro. Samuel Bispham, Joseph S. Riley, Charles Stout, Thomas Roney, Tobias Beehler.

Of Finance.

Bro. Samuel Wonderly, Enos S. Gandy, John N. Dickson, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel Webb of N°. 3.

Of Correspondence.

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, Jesse R. Burden, Candy Raguet.

Of Bye Laws.

Bro. John M. Read, Samuel H. Thomas, Samuel Davis.

Committee of Publication.

Bro. David C. Skerrett, G. A. Bicking, Richard Penn Smith.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District of counties of Bradford and Tioga. Bro. Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, Bradford County.

Third District of County of Lancaster. Bro. Nathaniel W. Sample, Junior of Lancaster County.

Fourth District of Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Adams. Bro. William Heyser, Chambersburg, Franklin County.

Fifth District of the Counties of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana. Bro. Shepley R. Holmes, Pittsburg, Allegheny County.

Sixth District of Berks and Schuylkill counties. Bro. George M. Keim, Reading, Berks County.

Seventh District of Chester and Delaware Counties. Bro. James Kelton of London Grove, Chester County.

Eighth District of the Counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia. Bro. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, Lycoming County.

Tenth District of the Counties of Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango. Bro. Stephen Barlow, Meadville, Crawford County.

Twelfth District of the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon. Bro. Walter S. Franklin, Harrisburgh, Dauphin County.

Thirteenth District of the Counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene. Bro. Thomas H. Baird, Washington, Washington County.

Fourteenth District of the Counties of Northampton, Pike and Lehigh. Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton Co.

The R. W. Grand Secretary nominated Bro. Edward Ewing as Deputy Grand Secretary, which nomination was unanimously confirmed.

The following Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 2, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 19, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831. J—— C——, J—— G——, J—— W. T——, J—— A——, expelled n. p. d.

No. 51, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 59, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831. W—— P——, W—— C——, J—— D——, T—— D——, expelled.

No. 67, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 71, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831. Suspended, n. p. d., J—— S——, B. O. H——, J—— B——, I—— C——, J—— M——, D—— U. H——, W—— W——, A—— P——.

No. 114, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831. Suspended, n. p. d., F. S——.

No. 115, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 121, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 125, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 186, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831.

No. 187, Philadelphia. General Return, 1831. A. M. L——, D. P. T——, expelled.

No. 201, Mauch Chunk. General Return, 1831.

No. 211, Kensington. General Return, 1831. Suspended, n. p. d., W—— J——, T—— B——, J—— H——, C—— S——, J—— S——, G—— B——, J—— H——.

The following Reports from the Committee of Finance was received and Read as follows:

"The committee of Finance beg leave to state that they are not prepared to report on the accounts of the 3d and 4th quar-

ter of 1831, nor are they prepared to give the estimates for the ensuing year, but they respectfully request to have passed the following resolution to enable the proper person to pay the interest due by the Grand Lodge on the 1st January next, viz: Resolved, That the sum of Two thousand Two hundred seventy two Dollars and fifty cents be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest due and payable by The Grand Lodge on the 1st January, 1832, to be drawn by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WONDERLY, Chairman.
ENOS S. GANDY.

Phila., Decr. 26th, 1831.

And on motion and seconded, the resolution accompanying said Report was adopted.

On motion and seconded, it was Resolved, that the Trustees of The Masonic Loans be and they are hereby authorized and empowered in order to discharge the Loan and Debt becoming due on the 1st January, 1832, to pledge all or any of the Stocks composing the Sinking Fund for such periods and in such manner as they may deem expedient and to raise such temporary loans thereon at an interest not exceeding 5 per cent. as may be necessary.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, That all committees be and they are hereby required to have their Reports filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the second Saturday in January next.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11½ o'clock.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 6th February, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	John W. Kelly,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

Bro. Charles Goodman, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Edward Ewing, " Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 160, 171, 186, 201, 203, 211 and 187 represented.

Twenty Nine Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at a quarter before seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of Visiting Brethren were admitted.

Bro. Candy Raguet having declined acting as a member of the Committee of Correspondence Bro. James M. Brown was appointed by the R. W. Grand Master in his place.

The R. W. Grand Master communicated a note to him from Bro. Victor Pepin formerly of Lodge N°. 67, inclosing a Grand Lodge certificate shewing him to have been a member of said Lodge and also a certified copy of a Resolution of the Grand Lodge passed on Monday, 5 April, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819, in the following words.

"On motion and seconded,

"Resolved Unanimously, that the thanks of this R. W. Grand "Lodge be presented to Brother Pepin, Manager of The "Olympic Theatre, for the aid rendered by him to the funds "of the Grand Lodge in consequence of the late disastrous de-"struction of The Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street.

Extract from the minutes.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary."

The R. W. Grand Master stated that it was Bro. Pepins object in making this communication to ask the Grand Lodge for a temporary loan of one hundred Dollars he being at this

time in great want of money to enable him to commence business as a Riding Master.

On referring to the Books of The Grand Treasurer the following entry was found.

"1819.

March 17.	By cash of Bro. Victor Pepin the proceeds of a benefit at the Olympic Theatre given by him in cash, .	$351.00
	In a due Bill of Robert Desilver,	60.87
		$411.87

On motion and seconded, It was unanimously Resolved, That the Committee of Charity be and it is hereby directed to Loan from The Charity fund to Brother Victor Pepin the sum of one hundred Dollars on his promissory note payable in one year from date.

The following extract from the Minutes of The Trustees of the Masonic Loans was read by the Grand Secretary and ordered to be filed.

At an annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Masonic Loans held on Monday the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and Thirty two the following gentlemen were elected to serve in conjunction with the Grand Officers as Trustees of said Loans for the ensuing year, viz:

Edward Burd, Thomas Hale, Joseph Swift, Thomas Biddle, Norris Stanley and George Roberts.

And at a meeting of The Trustees held the same evening,
Edward Burd was elected President of the Board,
Thomas Hale, Treasurer, and
John M. Read, Secretary.
Extract from the minutes.

JOHN M. READ,
Secretary.

January 2d., 1832.

On motion and seconded, The committee to whom was referred on the 3d October last The Petition from a number of Masons residing at Montevideo praying for a Warrant to open

a Lodge in that place was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

And on motion and seconded It was Resolved, That a Warrant be granted as prayed for by the said Brethren at Montevideo, Numbered 217. The name of said lodge to be "San Juan" under the distinctive title of "Asilo de la Virtud."

The officers named in the Warrant are Gabriel Perez, Worshipful Master; Antonio Acuna, Senior Warden, and Jose Maria Platero, Junior Warden.

On motion and seconded, The Report and Resolution thereto attached made by the committee of Finance on the 19 December last, relative to the expediency of directing a conveyance by the surviving Trustees of the Grand Lodge property to new Trustees was taken up for consideration, and the same having been read, The following Resolutions were moved and seconded as a substitute for the said Resolution attached to the said Report.

Resolved, That Bro. James Milnor, Robert Poalk and Samuel F. Bradford surviving Trustees named in the Deed of conveyance dated the 1st January, 1808, made by William Waln and wife to them and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Robert Lewis, George A. Baker, Jonathan Bayard Smith, William L. Sonntag and Thomas Passmore who are since deceased, be and they are hereby authorized and required to grant and convey all the premises in the said Deed mentioned and conveyed to Bro. Samuel Wonderly and Samuel Bispham, members of "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging" in fee simple as joint tenants upon the same trusts and conditions and for the same purposes as are set forth and contained in the said original Deed of conveyance, and also to assign to the said Trustees all policies of insurance whether effected on the Buildings thereon erected or on the furniture contained therein.

Resolved, That immediately on the execution and delivery of the said Deed to the said Trustees, the said Bro. Samuel Wonderly and Samuel Bispham are hereby authorized and required to grant and convey the said premises so conveyed to them to the present elective Grand officers and to Bro. Samuel F. Bradford, Josiah Randall and Thomas Kittera, members of "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonick

Jurisdiction thereunto belonging" in fee simple as joint tenants upon the same trusts and conditions and for the same purposes as are set forth and contained in the said original Deed of conveyance and also to assign the said policies of insurance to the said Trustees.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our Reverend Brother James Milnor and to Bro. Poalk and Bradford for their faithful services as Trustees of the property of this Grand Lodge.

And after some discussion the said substitute was adopted.

The following General Returns for 1831 were read and ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, viz:

No. 3, Philadelphia. P—— L. B——, J—— E——, J—— L——, J—— McN——, W—— H. N——, W—— S——, suspended, n. p. d.

No. 9, Philadelphia. J—— L——, J—— H——, E—— B——, J—— G——, R—— G——, W—— N——, suspended, n. p. d.

No. 52, Philadelphia. O. B. C——, A—— McD——, W—— R——, suspended, n. p. d.

No. 72, Philadelphia.

No. 91, "

No. 126, "

No. 130, "

No. 153, Waynesburg, Greene County, S—— S. M——, suspended in April for 8 months.

No. 155, Philadelphia.

No. 158 " J—— E——, expelled.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and required to have the Register of Members, Volume 1 rebound, and if he deems it expedient to employ a competent person, at a proper compensation, to copy and restore such parts thereof as may be necessary.

On motion and seconded, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the usual annual Publication of suspensions, expulsions and rejections by the Lodges under this jurisdiction and those communicated by other Grand Lodges be suspended for the past year.

Resolved, That The Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to dispense, if he may find it expedient with the annual exhibits, of the finances of this Grand Lodge, and also with the List of the Lodges under its jurisdiction and the times and places of their Meetings.

The R. W. Grand Master having informed The Grand Lodge, that he had completed his annual Grand Visitation of the Lodges in the City of Philadelphia and District of Kensington, and that he and the Grand officers were highly pleased with the manner in which they had been received and also with the brightening prospects of the fraternity as evidenced in the proceedings of the different Lodges.

It was on motion and seconded, Unanimously Resolved, That The thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the very instructive and apposite circular address delivered by him to the different Lodges during the past Grand Visitation and also for the truly Masonick zeal and ability with which he has discharged the arduous duties of his high station.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at ten minutes before nine o'clock to meet on Monday evening the 20 February instant at 6 o'clock.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, February 10th, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Charles Goodman,	"	Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Thomas S. Manning, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 186, 187, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty six Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The following communication was then read:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Brethren,

It affords me peculiar pleasure and satisfaction, to be enabled to present for your acceptance an excellent full length portrait of our deceased and ever to be revered Brother General George Washington as an appropriate decoration of your Grand Lodge Room, to remain there perpetually to remind the assembled crafts of their Great Masonick Example universally and emphatically styled

First in War, First in Peace and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen,

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

CHARLES C. WATSON, JUNIOR,
W. Master, Lodge N°. 51.

Philadelphia, February 10th, 1832.

And on motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the said Present be accepted and be placed in a conspicuous place in The Grand Lodge Room.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. C. C. Watson, Junior, W. Master of Lodge N°. 51, for the excellent full length likeness of "our deceased and ever to be revered Brother General George Washington" presented by him to this Grand Lodge this evening.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit to Brother Watson a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

The R. W. Grand Master then informed the Grand Lodge that the cause of the present meeting was the following communication which he had received two days before:

"Sir,

The committee of arrangement appointed by the citizens of the City and County of Philadelphia, respectfully request, the participation of yourself and The Grand and subordinate lodges of the State of Pennsylvania, in the celebration contemplated on the 22d of February.

By order and on behalf of the Committee.

H. D. Gilpin,
Chairman.

Philadelphia, 7 February, 1832.

To
Michael Nisbet, Esq.,
Grand Master of Pennsylvania."

Which communication having been read It was on motion and seconded,

Resolved, That The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on behalf of themselves and The Lodges within this jurisdiction respectfully decline the kind invitation which has been just read, and that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to communicate the same in an appropriate letter to The Chairman of The Committee of arrangement.

The following Resolution was submitted by Bro. N. Nathans and seconded.

Resolved, that the front of the Masonick Hall be illuminated on the night of the 22d instant, provided the Public Buildings in Chestnut Street are.

Which resolution being under consideration It was moved by Bro. Perkins and seconded, to amend the same by striking out all that follows the word "Resolved" and inserting the following "That The Military committee be allowed to illuminate the front of the Hall on the night of 22 February."

Which being under consideration It was moved and seconded, to postpone the further consideration of the amendment together with the original resolution until the third Monday in February instant which was agreed to.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, That The Grand officers be and they are hereby authorized to procure suitable collars, aprons and such other furniture for this Grand Lodge as they may find necessary.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That Bro. R. W. Junior Grand Warden and The Superintendent of the Hall and Gas be appointed to have the frame of the picture presented by Bro. Watson properly repaired and regilt.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to have the minute Book A of this Grand Lodge appropriately bound.

General Returns for 1831 were received from the following Lodges and read and ordered to be filed.

N°. 81, Germantown, Philadelphia County. G—— S——, expelled, n. p. d.

" 119, Gibson, Susquehanna County. J—— B——, expelled.

A Return of a special election for Treasurer held by Franklin Lodge, N°. 134, on Wednesday the eighth instant in pursuance of an authority from the R. W. Grand Master was read, shewing that Bro. Thomas Roney was elected Treasurer of that Lodge for the term ending on St. Johns day in December, 1832, and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at a quarter before nine o'clock to meet on Monday evening the 20th February instant at 6 o'clock.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th February, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.

Bro. Jacob Atter, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Grand Treasurer, P. T.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Ferguson Kirkpatrick, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Joseph K. Helmbold, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 160, 151, 165, 186, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at a quarter before seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The following communication from the Executors of our late Brother Stephen Girard was received accompanied by an official copy of his will.

"The undersigned Executors of the last will of Stephen Girard late of the City of Philadelphia, deceased, respectfully present this official copy of that will to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

TIMOTHY PAXSON.
THOS. P. COPE.
JOSEPH ROBERTS.
W. J. DUANE.
JOHN A. BARCLAY."

Philadelphia,
February 17th, 1832.
2d month 17.

And on motion and seconded, It was ordered That the said official copy of the last will of our deceased Brother Stephen Girard be appropriately bound and filed among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master then directed the Grand Secretary to report to the Grand Lodge the proceedings that had taken place relative to the funeral of our late brother Stephen Girard.

Whereupon, The Grand Secretary made the following Report.

"That our worthy Brother Stephen Girard died on the 26th day of December last, and on the 28th of the same month the following general invitation to his funeral appeared in the publick prints of this city.

Philadelphia, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1831.

The funeral of the late Mr. Stephen Girard, will proceed from his late residence, North Water street, to the burial ground of the Holy Trinity church, N. W. corner of Spruce and Sixth Streets, at 10 o'clock on Friday forenoon, December 30.

The Trustees of the bank of Stephen Girard, are requested to meet, and proceed together, as mourners, next after the relatives of the deceased.

An invitation is respectfully given to the public bodies, institutions and societies, hereinafter named, to proceed to the funeral in the following order.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and the Select and Common Councils, with their officers.

The Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and of the subordinate Lodges.

The officers and members of the Society for the relief of distressed masters of ships, and their widows.

The officers of and contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The Comptrollers, Directors, and others, of the Public Schools.

The officers and members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

The officers and members of the Orphan Asylum.

The officers and members of the Societe de Bienfaisance, Francaise.

The officers and members of the Fuel Savings Society.

Other benevolent Societies are respectfully invited and requested to proceed next after the Fuel Savings Society.

In a community, in which Mr. Girard was so universally known as he was useful, it is not practicable to give special invitations to individuals—nor is it supposed, that invitations

will have been expected. All those who knew Mr. Girard personally or by reputation, and who revere his example and memory, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral.

Dec. 28th, 1831.

And on the same day the following letter was received from Brother William J. Duane one of the Executors.

"To John M. Read, Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Respected Brother,

As one of those who are authorized to attend to the interment of the body of our lately deceased and highly esteemed brother Stephen Girard, I pray you to make known to the Right Worshipful the grand officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to the officers and members of the subordinate Lodges within the City of Philadelphia, that they are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their deceased brother from his late residence, N. Water street at 10 o'clock on Friday next.

With the utmost respect,

Your brother and friend,

W. J. Duane.

December 28th, 1831."

And on the same day the following notice was issued by order of the R. W. Grand Master and published in the newspapers of this City on the 29th and 30th December last.

"Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
December 28th, 1831.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of the subordinate Lodges, having been specially invited to attend the funeral of our late worthy and distinguished brother Stephen Girard, Esquire. The Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge and the officers and members of the Lodges within this jurisdiction are particularly requested to meet at the saloon of The Masonic Hall in Chestnut

street on Friday morning, the 30th inst. at half past nine o'clock precisely and to proceed thence to the funeral.

By order of the R. W. Grand Master.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary."

In pursuance of the said notice Three hundred and ninety six Members of the order assembled at the Masonick Hall and proceeded from thence to the funeral and after the body was interred returned to the Hall, and after an appropriate address from the R. W. Grand Master and an elegant prayer from the Reverend Bro. Plummer, Grand Chaplain, were dismissed.

The above report having been made by the Grand Secretary, The Bequest to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contained in the will so presented by the Executors of our late Brother Stephen Girard was read as follows:

"VII. I give and bequeath to the gentlemen who shall be Trustees of the Masonic Loan at the time of my decease the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, including therein ten thousand and nine hundred dollars due to me, part of the Masonic Loan, and any interest that may be due thereon at the time of my decease, in trust for the use and benefits of "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereto belonging" and to be paid over by the said Trustees to the said Grand Lodge, for the purposes of being invested in some safe stock or funds or other good security and the dividends and interest arising therefrom to be again so invested and added to the Capital, without applying any part thereof to any other purpose, until the whole capital shall amount to thirty thousand Dollars, when the same shall forever after remain a permanent fund or capital of the said Amount of thirty thousand Dollars, the interest whereof shall be applied from time to time to the relief of poor and respectable brethren, and in order that the real and benevolent purposes of masonic institutions may be attained. I recommend to the several lodges not to admit to membership or to receive members from other lodges unless the applicants shall absolutely be men of sound and good morals."

When on motion of Bro. James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master and seconded by Bro. John Steele, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the following Preamble and Resolutions were Unanimously Adopted:

Whereas, our late worthy and distinguished Brother Stephen Girard, has by his Last Will made a highly liberal and benevolent bequest to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the purpose of establishing a permanent fund for the diffusion of Masonick Charity,

And Whereas, it is incumbent on this Grand Lodge in accepting the trust thus reposed in them to express the deep sense of gratitude which they feel towards so noble a benefactor of their "poor and respectable brethren" and at the same time to call the attention of the Order to the Wise and excellent advice contained in the Legacy of our departed Brother,

Therefore Resolved, That "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and masonick jurisdiction thereunto belonging" Do accept with feelings of the deepest gratitude the munificent bequest of Twenty Thousand Dollars of our late worthy and excellent Brother Stephen Girard Do hereby erect the same into a permanent fund forever to be called "The Stephen Girard Charity Fund" and to be managed in the manner set forth in his said will and applied to the purposes therein mentioned.

Resolved, That the wise and liberal conduct of our late Brother towards the Masonick order during the whole period of his long and valuable life, This devotion to the fraternity, His noble bequests and the parting words of advice and admonition contained in this last solemn declaration of his opinion, entitle him to the grateful recollection not only of every mason but of every true lover of his fellow-men.

Resolved, That the advice of our Brother expressed in his said will as follows:

"And in order that the real and benevolent purposes of masonick institutions may be attained, I recommend to the several lodges not to admit to membership or to receive members from other lodges unless the applicants shall be absolutely men of sound and good morals," is in strict conformity with the principles and constitutions of our ancient order, and being also the opinion of a wise and experienced Brother, is most earnestly recommended to the different lodges for their guidance and government.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our great respect for the memory of our deceased brother the jewels, hangings and other furniture of The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in mourning for the space of six months.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing proceedings be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the Executors of our deceased brother.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the communication of the executors of Bro. Girard and the preamble and resolutions adopted this evening be published in the publick newspapers of this City.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to append to the annual publication of the proceedings for the past year so much of the proceedings of the present year as relates to the funeral and bequest of Bro. Girard.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That so much of the will of Bro. Girard as contains the legacy to this Grand Lodge be copied and appropriately framed and hung up in a conspicuous part of the Grand Lodge Room.

General Return for 1831 from Lodge N°. 22, at Sunbury, was received, Read and ordered to be filed.

The annual publication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the year 1831, was read and ordered to be filed.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Georgia and North Carolina, communicating the names and signatures of their officers were received and ordered to be filed.

The following report was received and Read:

"The undersigned being appointed at an extra Grand communication held on Friday, February 10th to have the frame of the picture which was presented by Bro. Watson properly repaired and Regilt,

Respectfully Report:

That they had the frame repaired and regilt in the best manner in oil gold and replaced this day in the Grand Lodge Room.

Monday, Feb. 20, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

T. B. Freeman, }
John Y. Black, } Committee.

Sup. H. and G.

N. B. They enclose Thos. Natt's bill.
Amount Dollars 29.

Which said Bill being read

On motion and seconded,

The said Report was accepted and The Bill of Bro. Thos. Natt for Twenty nine Dollars ordered to be paid.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That a suitable plate with the following inscription be procured and placed over the Portrait of Bro. General George Washington now in the Grand Lodge Room:

"Presented by Brother Charles C. Watson, Junior, Worshipful Master of Lodge N°. 51.

February 10th, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832."

And Brothers Freeman and Black were appointed a committee to carry the said Resolution into effect.

The Resolution offered by Bro. Nathans relative to the illumination of the Hall on the 22d instant, together with the amendment of Bro. Perkins, the consideration of which was postponed until this evening was called up and on motion and seconded, the same were postponed indefinitely.

On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to endorse in his official capacity the note of Bro. Victor Pepin for $100 to be given to the Charity Committee.

On motion of Bro. Riley and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish the Committee of Charity with all the Rules and Regulations relative to said committee on the Charity fund, and also all communications relating thereto (except the Reports of said committee as to the state of the fund merely), appearing on the minutes of the Grand Lodge, and not to be found in the Ahiman Rezon.

A Return from Lodge N°. 158, Philadelphia, was received shewing that the Rev. Hiram R. Handd was entered (by virtue of the powers vested in the R. W. Grand Master, by him) in said Lodge, and leave granted to said Lodge to pass and raise said Brother. The said Brother was entered 7 February, 1832. The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ten minutes past ten o'clock in the evening.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5 March, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, R. W. Grand Master.
" John Steele, " Deputy Grand Master.
" Alexander Quinton, " Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" John Y. Black, " Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Jesse Conard, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Ferguson Kirkpatrick, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 102, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 160, 171, 186, 187, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at five minutes before seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 5 December last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 18th of the same month, and of the extra Grand communication of the 6th and 10th February last and also of the adjourned extra Grand communication of the 20th of the same month were read and severally adopted on motion and seconded,

The following Report from the Committee of Correspondence was read and ordered to be filed.

"The committee of correspondence,

Respectfully Report,

That since the last report they have received and carefully examined the Reports of the Proceedings of the following

Grand Lodges, published and communicated by their authority namely of

Maryland, pro. Anno Lucis,	. . . . .	5830.
Kentucky,	"	"
Georgia,	"	"
Tennessee,	"	"
Indiana,	"	5831.
Alabama,	"	"
Florida,	"	"
Mississippi,	"	"
Louisiana,	"	"
Missouri,	"	"

and find nothing therein requiring the special notice of this Grand Lodge.

The proceedings are chiefly of a local nature and evince great harmony and cordial cooperation among themselves. They manifest generally a vigilant attention to the interests of the order. A spirit of justice and moderation in their government of the subordinate lodges and inculcate while they inflict punishment those salutary principles, which have preserved the order through the darkest ages of barbarism and bigotry, through the false lights of philosophy and infidelity and from the baleful effects of the assumption of the garb and privileges of Masonry for unhallowed purposes, or to use the words of admonition of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky towards an offending brother.

"One of the first duties of a mason is to learn to govern his "passions, next to cultivate charity and brotherly feelings towards "his fellow men and to view their failings with that mercy "which he would wish shewn to his own, always recollecting, "that soft words turn away wrath, and that angry words kindle "strife."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM^L. H. PERKINS, }
JAMES M. BROOM, } Committee.

The following Report was then Read:

"The "Committee of Charity" of the Grand Lodge Present the following Report:

Of the funds now in the hands of the committee of Charity, there was subscribed by individual brethren the sum of Thirteen hundred and twenty eight Dollars, and by three lodges the further sum of one hundred and Ten Dollars, viz: By Lodge N°. 3, $50; by Lodge N°. 130, $50; by Lodge N°. 201, $10, making a total of Fourteen hundred and thirty eight Dollars and from Interest after deducting the expenses incident to the trust the sum of Four hundred and eighty two Dollars thirty four Cents making a Total sum of Nineteen hundred and twenty Dollars thirty four cents, and there was due on the 4th ult°. by the Grand Lodge the sum of Two hundred and seventy seven Dollars sixty one cents being interest upon the certificates of Gas Loan held by the committee.

The Committee have never received from the Grand Lodge any interest on the certificates of Gas Loan held by them, and as those certificates constitute near one fifth of the funds held by the Committee, they have thought it expedient to bring the subject before The Grand Lodge as without the annual interest accruing upon this part of their funds, it would scarcely be worth while for the committee to make any disposition of the net annual interest more than once in two years as it would only amount to about eighty Dollars. The Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge be and he is directed to pay to Charles Stout, Treasurer of the Committee, the sum of Two hundred seventy seven Dollars sixty one cents being the amount of Interest due upon the certificates of Gas Loan held by the committee now and previous to the consolidation of those originally held.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, be and he is hereby directed to pay annually in the month of February to the Treasurer of the committee of Charity the interest due upon the certificates of Gas Loan held by the committee.

Statement "A" shews the increase of the funds for last fifteen months.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee of Charity.

Samuel Bispham, Chairman.
Charles Stout, Treasurer.
Joseph S. Riley, Secretary."

"A."

"State of the Charity Funds, February 27th 1832.

1832.		
Febv. 27,	7 certificates masonic 6p loan, . .	$700.00
"	2 " " 5p do., . .	200.00
"	4 certificates Gas Loan, . . .	432.50
"	Victor Pepin note, ...	100.00
"	S. and M. Allen note, . . .	487.84
		$1920.34

Receipts and Disbursements from 27th Decr. 1830 to Feb. 27, 1832.

Interest on masonic Loans, . .	$78.00	Loaned Victor Pepin, . .	$100.00
Cash recd. of John M. Read, Esq., .	25.00	" S. and M. Allen note,	30.72
Int. on S. and M. Allens note, .	26.72		
	$130.72		$130.72

And on motion and seconded,

The said Report and Resolutions were referred to Bro. Steele, Riley and Pearce.

The following report was received from the Grand Secretary and ordered to be filed.

"That in consequence of some of the necessary Books and papers of the Grand Lodge not having been handed over to him by the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas, he is unable to report to the Grand Lodge the subordinate lodges suspended or otherwise deprived of their representations agreeably to the directions of The Ahiman Rezon.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

March 5, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832."

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That Bro. James Harper, R. W. Past Grand Master and Bro^rs. Charles Stout and Jacob Alter be a committee to procure from Bro. Samuel H. Thomas, late Grand Secretary, all books, papers, documents and property of this Grand Lodge remaining in his possession.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed:

N°. 60, Brownsville, Fayette County for 1831.

N°. 102, Frankford, Philadelphia County for 1830. J—— H. F——, suspended. Also for 1831.

The annual Publication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama of its proceedings in December, 1831, was received, read and ordered to be filed.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana of the names and signatures of its officers was received, read and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Bro. Riley and seconded by Bro. Cooper,

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns it shall adjourn to meet on Monday the 19th instant in order to consider the propriety of having a procession of the Grand and Subordinate lodges on the 25th June or 4th July next.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at a quarter past nine o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday evening the 19th instant at 6 o'clock.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th March, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Ferguson Kirkpatrick,	"	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

Bro. Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro^s. Josiah Randall, James Harper and Thomas Kittera, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 135, 134, 136, 151, 113, 155, 158, 160, 165, 171, 172, 168, 186, 187, 195, 201, 203, 211, 81, 102 and 174 represented.

Thirty Nine Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at ten minutes past seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Superintendent of The Hall and Gas be and he is hereby required under the direction of the Grand officers to have the front of the Hall painted and repaired.

General Returns for 1831 were received from the Following Lodges read and ordered to be filed:

N°. 135, Manayunk, Philadelphia County. H—— H——, P—— B——, Sup., n. p. dues.

N°. 46, Lititz, Lancaster County. G—— R——, J—— D——, J—— G—— struck off non p. dues.

The Last was accompanied by a letter from the acting Secretary of the Lodge dated the 5th inst. addressed to the Grand officers requesting certain accommodations and arrangements relative to the dues which letter was read and referred to the committee of Finance.

The following communications from foreign Grand Lodges reported upon by the committee of correspondence were read and ordered to be filed, viz:

Annual publication	Grand Lodge of	Georgia, for, .	1830.
"	"	Louisiana, for, .	1831.
"	"	Maryland, " .	"
"	"	Kentucky, " .	"

Annual publication	Grand Lodge of	Indiana,	for, .	1831.
"	"	Tennessee,	" .	"
"	"	Florida,	" .	1831.
"	"	Alabama,	" .	1831.
"	"	Mississippi,	" .	1831.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge to procure from the late Grand Secretary the books, papers, documents and property of the Grand Lodge remaining in his possession reported verbally in part, that they had only been able to procure a small part of the papers, but had received continual promises that the whole would be immediately handed over.

On motion and seconded, The Grand Lodge proceeded to the special business of the evening the consideration of the propriety of having a masonic procession.

Whereupon, It was moved by Bro. Riley and seconded,

That this Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges will on Monday the 25th day of June next have a masonic procession in the City of Philadelphia.

And on the Question being put It was determined in the negative.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at twenty five minutes past nine o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 4th A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	D. Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	S. Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Alexander Quinton,	"	J. Grand Warden, "
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

Bro. Edward Ewing, Dep. Grand Secretary.
" David Moody, Sen. Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Enos S. Gandy, Jun. Grand Deacon, "
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 168, 186, 187, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, Bro. J. B. B. Planche, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and several other visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand communication of the 5 March last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 19th of the same month were severally read and on motion and seconded were adopted.

Reports of the committee of Finance on the accounts of the Gas committee for the 4th quarter of 1831, and of the Grand Treasurer for the 3 and 4th quarters of the same year were received and read and severally adopted.

The following Report from the Grand Secretary was received and Read:

The Grand Secretary
Respectfully Reports:

That being bound by the Ahiman Rezon "to report quarterly to the Grand Lodge the subordinate Lodges suspended or otherwise deprived of their representations therein" he feels it his duty, to call the attention of The Grand Lodge to the peculiar situation of his office, and also of the various subordinate lodges whose prosperity and efficiency in a great measure depend upon the activity and regularity of the Brother occupying that responsible station.

Lodges within the State failing to make returns on or before the first day of March are notified thereof by the Grand Secretary and if returns are not received within three months from the date of the notices the Warrants of such defaulting lodges are *ipso facto* suspended.

Any Lodge in arrears for two years dues and notified thereof and such arrearages are not paid within six months from the date

of such notice, its warrant is suspended and unless cause be shewn to the contrary at the next quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge will be vacated.

These regulations are highly penal, and before they are enforced strictly it is proper that due notice of a complete change in the administration of the office of Grand Secretary should be given to the subordinate lodges, and particularly to those located beyond the City and County of Philadelphia, many of whom are labouring under difficulties arising from other causes which are well known to the masonick community.

The Grand Secretary under these circumstances, and those which will be stated hereafter has no report to make of Lodges suspended or otherwise deprived of their representations in the Grand Lodge.

On the 27 December last and at many subsequent periods, he applied to Bro. Thomas for the Books and papers of the G. Lodge and after a considerable lapse of time a portion of the old books and papers were handed over to him. The Grand Lodge on the 5 March last appointed a committee to procure the residue and they were only partially successful.

The Grand Secretary a few weeks ago was enabled to get the Ledger and Journal, and on the next day under the direction and supervision of the R. W. Grand Master the greatest portion of the other books and papers were given up by Bro. Thomas including the unfiled returns for 1828, 1829 and 1830.

These books and papers shewed that no entries had been made in the Ledger later in any case than the 27th Dec., 1828, nor in the journal posterior to March, 1829, and that there was no day book kept by the late Gr. Secretary. These books must all be brought up in order to shew the real situation of the Grand Lodge.

The returns themselves in many instances are not registered, and have since 1828 been under the care of a clerk unacquainted with the masonick details of the office.

The accounts of the Grand Secretary are evidently deficient.

First, in not having been regularly rendered.

Second, in wanting accounts for the 3d and 4th quarters of 1831.

Third, in not crediting all sums received by him, whether from lodges, dispensations, certificates, &c.

Fourth, in shewing that he received moneys from such sources, which were never in any way paid over to the Grand Treasurer or passed in any manner into his account.

The Dispensation and Certificate Books contain no account of dispensations nor certificates issued during the year 1831. The other papers are in great confusion, and he is afraid, through negligence some are lost, which cannot be replaced. There are for instance no recommendations for certificates, nor petitions for dispensations for 1831.

Whilst engaged in examining and arranging these papers and entering the returns and attempting to settle the accounts of the different Lodges, &c., The Grand Secretary learned that Bro. Thomas had made an assignment of what he pleased to call a debt due to him from the Grand Lodge.

The following circular was immediately issued to the lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Circular.

"Philadelphia, May 21, 1832.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Bro. S. H. Thomas having made an assignment of what he has been pleased to call a debt due to him from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it becomes necessary to ascertain *at once*, his receipts from the Subordinate Lodges, Holy Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges for the last six years.

You will therefore please to direct the Treasurer of your Lodge to attend me without delay with all receipts and vouchers for all payments made by your Lodge since the 26th December, 1825, to the Grand Lodge, together with all bills rendered to you for dues, rent and light since that period.

This subject demands your immediate attention. My office hours for the present week will be from 7 to 10 o'clock, A. M.

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

To Bro.

Worshipful master of Lodge N°.

P. S. You will please also cause to be made out as soon as convenient a statement of the dispensations to enter, pass and

raise, and pass the chair issued to your lodge during the same period and furnish the same to me."

This has been in general promptly attended to.

The Grand Secretary is now engaged in settling the different accounts, and has commenced with those of the Lodges in this vicinity.

These accounts require a tedious process in order to insure accuracy of results.

The return of one year is taken all its members registered, its expulsions, &c. noted, the number of members ascertained and the amount of dues also. Then the names of its officers for that year and abstract of the number of members, &c. must be entered in what is called the General Register. Then a journal entry is made and that carried into the Ledger forms but a single item there this must be repeated for every year not entered and now includes an examination of 1828, 1829, 1830 and 1831.

With regard to the credits of each lodge these are to be gleaned from The Grand Treasurer's accounts, from the Grand Secretary's also when he gives credit for sums received and not paid over, and from the receipts shewn by the Lodges, &c., where no credit has been given by Bro. Thomas.

From these, journal and ledger entries are made and the account of each lodge is then balanced and a copy of the Ledger entries sent to them. The difficulty in settling these accounts arises from The Grand Secretary receiving moneys which should have been paid to The Grand Treasurer, and to him alone, and whose receipt should have been the only voucher for a payment to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary having thus briefly explained the situation of his office begs leave to remark, that some time will necessarily be required to arrange and settle this arrear of business but he confidently hopes that the quarterly communication in September next will find the greatest part of it finally disposed of.

He would also suggest that some improvements might be made and some salutary existing regulations enforced, which would secure the Grand Lodge in future from irregularities, and at the same time take away even the temptation to err on the part of so important an office as the Grand Secretary.

The Ahiman Rezon requires the accounts should be kept by double entry. The committee of Finance should be directed to require the Grand Secretary, to keep a day book containing original entries of all his transactions. It also requires that he should keep an account in some bank in this city through which all moneys received and paid by him must pass. He should be required to keep a separate account as Grand Secretary and produce quarterly to the committee of Finance his bank book and check book and checks, all of which should be payable to the order of the person receiving the money.

All moneys drawn from the Grand Treasurer or received for dispensations and certificates to be immediately deposited.

He should also keep in addition to the Interest receipt book, another receipt book in which all other receipts taken by him than for interest should be entered. This book to be the property of The Grand Lodge.

He should always at all settlements of his accounts produce to the Committee of Finance these receipt books with the dispensation book, certificate book, day book and if required his journal and Ledger.

The Grand Secretary should never receive any moneys, except the fees for dispensations and certificates, but by drafts on the Grand Treasurer, agreeably to appropriation and no voucher of any payment, by lodges, &c. to The Grand Lodge should be allowed except the receipt of The Grand Treasurer.

It would also be proper that the Register of members and that of officers should be annually inspected by the committee of Finance in order that they may report how far the regulations of the Grand Lodge have been complied with in regard to those books.

The general arrangement of the older papers of The Grand Lodge will occupy more time, than he has assigned for the arrangement of the accounts and the pressing business of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary would also suggest that no clerk unacquainted with masonic usages and rules should ever be employed on the Books of The Grand Lodge, as such a one is peculiarly liable to error in entering the returns, which if innocently done will always create confusion and difficulty. The

Books of Bro. Thomas bear internal evidence of truth of the remarks.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

June 4th, 1832.

And on motion made and seconded, so much of the said Report as relates to the accounts of the Grand Lodge was referred to the Committee of Finance.

General Returns for 1831 were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed.

No. 50, West Chester, Chester County.
No. 132, Waynesburg, "
No. 156, Springrove, Lancaster County.

The following communications from Foreign Grand Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed.

Letter dated Halifax, 27 December, 1831, from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia communicating names and signatures of their officers, annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland for 1831 and the annual communications of the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Louisiana and North Carolina for the present year.

The following communication was received and read.

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned respectfully Requests

That Andrew Irvine and Simon Kinney, former members of the late lodge No. 163 be restored to the enjoyment of their former masonick privileges.

N. FOWLE."

When on motion made and seconded, It was unanimously Resolved, That Andrew Irvine and Simon Kinney be and they are hereby restored to the full enjoyment of their former masonick rights and privileges.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at a quarter past nine o'clock to meet on Monday the 18th instant at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th June, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Alexander Diamond,	"	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Ferguson Kirkpatrick, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.		
"	Enos S. Gandy, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.		
"	Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.		
"	Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.		
"	David Moody, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 134, 158, 168, 187, 203, 211 and 19 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at Ten minutes past eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

Reports of The Committee of Finance on the accounts of The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Superintendent of The Hall and Gas for the first quarter of 1832, were received, read and severally adopted.

A statement of the receipts and payments for the first quarter ending 31st March, 1832, shewing an excess of expenses above receipts of $115.26 was received from the committee of Finance read and ordered to be filed.

The following Report was received from the Committee of Finance and Read.

"The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, that as yet they are totally unable to offer any satisfactory exposition of the accounts of the Grand Lodge from the Records of the late Grand Secretary and they have sent herewith a report upon the

business under their cognizance as transacted by the present Grand Secretary whose regularity in the performance of his duties gives them every facility for examining and reporting and promises the most satisfactory punctuality in all the affairs entrusted to his supervision.

It does not appear to your committee that the funds now at the disposal of The Grand Lodge are sufficient to meet the demands which will be against the Treasury on the 1st of the ensuing month and this deficiency is entirely owing to a remissness in the subordinate lodges, in paying up their arrearages. The committee therefore recommend an earnest appeal to the Lodges for their dues or such parts thereof as is in their power to liquidate and whilst this measure of justice is carried into operation there appears to be necessary to the Grand Lodge a strict economy in every department so that its credit and dignity may remain unimpaired.

The committee of Finance would also respectfully but earnestly recommend that all who pay moneys to the Grand Treasurer should present their duplicate receipts to the Grand Secretary by which means only can the committee of Finance audit with satisfaction and accuracy the accounts of the Grand Treasurer this mode of procedure will also enable the Grand Secretary to enter up at once the payments to their proper credit and not as now depend frequently upon the books of the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee has not been able to collect information sufficient to enable them to make out an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the present year, but as some appropriations are necessary the committee offers the Grand Lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred eighty eight 50/100 Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the arrears of Interest due on loans previous to the 1st January, 1832, to be drawn by The Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen hundred forty nine 50/100 Dollars, be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the half years interest on loans due 1 July, 1832, including the interest on the legacy of $10,900 of S. Girard to be drawn by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Grand Secretary's salary and allowances and of the salary and allowances of the Grand Tyler to be drawn by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions."

And on motion made and seconded, the said resolutions were severally adopted.

The following Report was also received from the committee of Finance and read.

"The committee of Finance to whom was referred the petition of Ephrata Lodge, N°. 46, beg leave to report.

The net income of The Grand Lodge stands solemnly pledged for the redemption of the debt of The Grand Lodge, and in the opinion of your committee the Adoption of any measure that would tend directly to lessen the receipts and thus reduce the net income would be a violation of that pledge; but the case of The Ephrata lodge, N°. 46, is in the opinion of your committee peculiar and removed by circumstances set forth in the petition from the operation of the pledge. The funds of that lodge are so reduced by certain breaches of trust that the amount now due to the Grand Lodge cannot be paid therefrom, and it is evident that the zeal of the active members of the Lodge will be sufficiently taxed to maintain a future standing in the order therefore not only will the future receipts of the Grand Lodge be enhanced by granting the prayer of the petitioners but the benefits of masonry will still be continued among brethren who appear to abound in an excellent and commendable zeal for the order. The committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the amount due by Ephrata Lodge, N°. 46, be and the same is hereby remitted."

And on motion made and seconded, the further consideration of the said report and resolution was postponed until the Quarterly Grand communication in September next.

The annual communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi for 1832 was received, read and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at ten minutes past nine o'clock in the evening.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d September, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Alexander Quinton,	"	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	John Y. Black,	"	Grand Treasurer, P. T.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	John C. Smith, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.		
"	Alexander Quinton, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.		
"	Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.		
"	Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.		
"	David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 186, 187, 211, 21, 197 and 203 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at twenty minutes before eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 4th June last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 18th of the same month were severally read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 5th December last as related to the election of Bro. George M. Dallas as Senior Grand Warden being read and the R. W. Grand Master having stated that the delay in the installation of Bro. Dallas was occasioned by his necessary absence as a Senator of The United States. Bro. Dallas was duly installed into his office of Senior Grand Warden and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Craft.

A Letter from Bro. Youngman, Secretary *pro tem.* of Pulaski Lodge, N°. 216, Pottsville, relative to their remittance of half dues only for the first year of their masonick existence and praying that the same may be received in lieu of full dues was read and laid on the table.

The Report and resolution relative to Ephrata Lodge, N°. 46, postponed until this evening, being under consideration their further consideration was postponed until the Quarterly Grand Communication in December next.

The following Report from the Grand Secretary was received and Read.

"The Grand Secretary Reports,

That he does not report to The Grand Lodge any subordinate lodges supended or otherwise deprived of their representations for reasons heretofore stated at length.

He begs leave to mention that in pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee of Finance, he issued on the 21st June last, *a circular* to the different subordinate lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia, on the subject of the engagements of The Grand Lodge. This has been partially attended to and he has as yet been able to meet the payments of interest but he must earnestly request the different lodges to make payments without further delay as the Grand Lodge have been put to very heavy but necessary expenses, which they can and ought to defray without resorting to further loans.

On the 1st August last The Grand Secretary received a communication from the Executors of Bro. S. Girard, stating that on the 8th instant they would pay to those who were duly authorized to receive the same, the sum of twenty thousand Dollars bequeathed to the Trustees of The Masonick Loan by the VII section of his will.

This he immediately alluded to and furnished the necessary papers to the Executors to shew who were the Trustees of the Masonick Loan authorized to receive the said Legacy.

The Grand Secretary also prepared a letter of Attorney authorizing him to receive it, which after considerable difficulty owing to the number of Trustees was finally executed on this day.

He accordingly received from the Executors the said Legacy in the following manner.

6 p. c. Masonick Loan 59 certificates pay. 1 January, 1832, called the second or additional masonick Loan, ...	5.900.00
Do. 50 do. do. do., . called the third Masonick Loan, . . .	5.000.00
Interest on do. from 1 July, 1831 to 8 August, 1832, 13 m. 8 days passed to Trustees by Executors, ...	722.85
	11.622.85
In cash by check, ...	7.877.15
Add Collateral Inheritance Tax deducted, .	500.00
	$20.000.00

For which he has accordingly receipted.

Should the Grand Lodge within three months think they are entitled to the interest on the Loan from the 26 December, 1831, to the 8th August, 1832, over and above this payment provision is made by agreement for an amicable reference or decision of the question.

The money and Securities are now in his possession and require the immediate action of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary."

And on motion and seconded,

It was Resolved,

That the Trustees of The Masonick Loans, be and they are hereby authorized out of The Sinking Fund to pay off the Masonick Loan lately held by the estate of Stephen Girard amounting to $10,900 either by transferring such stock as they may hold at the fair market value or by selling the same and paying off the said Loan with the proceeds thereof.

And it was on motion made and seconded,

Resolved *Unanimously*,

That the Trustees of The Masonick Loans be and they are hereby authorized to receive the Legacy of Bro. Stephen Girard amounting to $20,000, whether consisting of Stocks, securities or money, and to hold and manage the same on the same prin-

ciples and plan as the Sinking Fund of The Grand Lodge is managed by them so far as the same may be consistent with the directions of the will, until the whole shall amount to the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

General Returns were received and read from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed:

N°. 131, Philadelphia, for 1830 and 1831.

N°. 216, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, for 1831.

Annual Communications for the year 1832 were received from the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island and New York, read and ordered to be filed.

A Pamphlet entitled "Statement of Devises, bequests and grants To The Corporation of The City of Philadelphia in Trust" published by order of Councils June, 1832, was presented by Bro. George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon, read and ordered to be filed.

On the 23 and 24 pages of This Pamphlet is a statement of the Fund for supplying the necessitous Poor with Fuel shewing it to amount on the 20th June, 1832, to . . . $8,532.88

And it is there stated as follows:

"This fund originated in the year 1793, by a Donation from The Trustees of the Masonic Lodge as appears by the following letter addressed to the Mayor.

Sir,

Please to inform the corporation of the City that we the subscribers, the trustees appointed by act of Assembly for selling the Free Mason's Lodge in Lodge Alley in the City of Philadelphia, having executed our trust, and called a meeting of the Members of the First Lodge of Free Masons (who formerly contributed their stock towards erecting the said building) for the purpose of agreeing and declaring to what charitable purpose the one third part of the produce of the said sale should be applied. It was unanimously agreed that the same should be given to the corporation of the City of Philadelphia to be by them applied towards establishing a fund for supplying out of the interest thereof the necessitous inhabitants of said city with fuel in the Winter season. We are likewise to inform you that the one-third part of the nett proceeds of the said sale amounts to the sum of Five hundred and seventy four pounds four shillings and eleven pence ($1.533.57) which now

remains in our hands to be delivered to the order of the said corporation for the purpose aforesaid.

We are with great respect

Your obedient humble servants,

EDWARD SHIPPEN.
JOHN SWIFT.

Philadelphia, 23 July, 1793.
To Matthew Clarkson, Esq.,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

The Members of The First Lodge to whom the disposition of the money belonged

Edward Shippen.
John Swift.
Matthew Clarkson.
Michael Hillegas.
Tench Francis.
John Penn.
William Smith."

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at nine o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday the fifteenth day of October next at six o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th October, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	John M. Dickson,	"	Junior Grand Warden, "
"	John Y. Black,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" J. L. Dougherty, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Alexander Diamond, Junior Grand Deacon, "

Bro. Ferguson Kirkpatrick, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" Robert Piggot, Grand Chaplain.
" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 186, 203 and 211 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

Reports were received from The Committee of Finance on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Superintendent of The Hall and Gas for the 2d and 3d quarters of 1832 read and severally adopted.

Reports from The Committee of Finance on the receipts and expenditures of the 2 and 3 quarters of 1832, were also received, read and ordered to be filed.

General Returns were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed:

No. 141, Halifax, Dauphin County, for 1830 and 1831.

No. 162, New London × Roads, Chester County, for 1831.

Annual Communications for 1832 were received from The Grand Lodges of Kentucky and New Hampshire, read and ordered to be filed.

A communication dated 30th August, 1832, was received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, communicating the names and signatures of their officers which was read and ordered to be filed.

A circular dated the 27 August, 1832, was received from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, containing amongst others the following Resolution:

"Resolved, That we regret the present state of society, but are of opinion that our duty is plain; which is that we manifest a determination *peacefully* to adhere to our institution through *evil* as well as through *good report*."

Which circular being read was ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past seven o'clock.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d December, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	John Y. Black,	"	Junior Grand Warden, "
"	Samuel Black,	"	Grand Treasurer, "
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Edward Ewing,	"	Deputy Grand Secretary.

" Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Plummer, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

R. W. Past Grand Masters, Newcomb, Kittera and Randall.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 113, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 125, 131, 138, 134, 135, 136, 155, 158, 159, 171, 172, 174, 176, 186, 187, 190, 195, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty Seven Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at ten minutes past six o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 3d September last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 15th October last were severally read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of The Grand Lodge for the annual election of officers The Grand Lodge proceeded to a ballot for them, and The R. W. Grand Master having declined a reelection it appeared that the following brethren were duly elected, viz:

Bro.	John Steele,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Dep. Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer,

in the place of Bro. Samuel M. Stewart who declined a re-election and Bro. John M. Read, R. W. Grand Secretary.

A communication was received and read from Schuylkill Lodge, N°. 138, revoking the proxy given to Bro. S. H. Thomas and appointing in his place Bro. James L. Dougherty of Lodge N°. 115 their Proxy.

And on motion made and seconded, the said communication was ordered to be filed and Bro. James L. Dougherty to be received and recognized as the legal proxy of Lodge N°. 138.

The following communication was laid before The Grand Lodge by the R. W. Grand Master:

"Philadelphia, October 27, 1832, A. L. 5832.

R. W. Sir and Brother,

Permit me through you to present to The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for their acceptance a correct and faithful likeness of our late worthy and distinguished Brother Stephen Girard, painted by *Bass Otis*, an artist of great talent.

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN M. READ.

To Bro. Michael Nisbet,
R. W. Grand Master
of The Grand Lodge of
Pennsylvania."

And on motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Read for his valuable donation.

A communication was received and read from Lodge N°. 50 at Westchester, praying for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge to enable them to hold only six meetings during the next masonic year commencing on St. John's Day next.

And on motion made and seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of Lodge N°. 50 be granted.

A communication was received from The Grand Lodge of Indiana, containing the names and signatures of their officers elected on the 1st October, 1832, read and ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at nine o'clock to meet on Monday the 17th instant at six o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th December, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	MICHAEL NISBET,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John Steele,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	John Y. Black,	"	Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Charles Stout,	"	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer, "
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

" Joseph S. Riley, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William Stephens, Grand Pursuivant.
" Robert Piggot, Grand Chaplain.

Bros. Bradford, Randall and Kittera, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 106, 113, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 171, 172, 174, 186, 187, 195, 201, 203 and 211 represented.

Thirty Four Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past six o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Randall accompanied by a preamble as follows:

Whereas, it has been repeatedly stated that various members of this Grand Lodge, have violated their masonic duties and Whereas, it is proper and expedient that the truth therein should be ascertained

Therefore

Resolved, That This Grand Lodge being ready at all times as well to punish the guilty as to exculpate the innocent on the Monday of will hold themselves ready to proceed to the examination of these charges and will receive any accusation that may be made by any individual against any members of this Grand Lodge hear the proofs and allegations that may be advanced in support of such charge or charges and finally take such order therein as right and justice may require."

And the same being seconded and under consideration a motion was made by Bro. Riley and seconded by Bro. Bradford to postpone indefinitely the said resolution and preamble which being put was carried in the affirmative.

The following Report was received from the Committee of Charity read and laid on the table.

"That there has not been any material change in the State "of the fund" since our report in February last. The only receipt has been twenty six Dollars being six months interest on nine shares masonic loan which added to the former amount make a total of $1946 34/100.

There will be due a further sum of Twenty six Dollars on those certificates on the first of January next and twenty four 55/100 Dollars on a note of Messrs. S. and M. Allens and three hundred and one 17/100 Dollars on the Certificates of Gas Loan held by the committee. The attention of the Grand Lodge is respectfully called to the situation of those certificates as the committee have never received the interest upon them. They earnestly recommend to The Grand Lodge the propriety of funding this debt and issuing certificates of Stock bearing an interest of six per cent. redeemable at The pleasure of the Grand Lodge. This would enable The committee to commence active operations forthwith.

They submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge assent to the finding of the certificates of Gas Loans held by The Grand Committee of Charity together with the amount of interest that may be found due thereon.

Signed on behalf of the committee by

JOSEPH S. RILEY, Sec^y.

The following Report was received and read.

"The committee to whom was referred on the 7th of March last the Report of the Committee of Charity of The Grand Lodge

Beg leave to Report,

That the Report referred to them contains two resolutions the object of which is to obtain from the Grand Lodge the

payment of interest on the amount of Gas Loan held by said committee.

Your committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient at this time to act upon the subject matter referred to them further than to state that the amount of Gas Loan constituting a part of the Charity fund of The Grand Lodge your committee believe to be but a part of the amount of Gas Loan and that whatever your committee might be disposed to do in relation to the subject referred to them justice would dictate to them that the same should be extended to the Holders of the Balance of the Loan.

Your committee supposing that they were authorized to take a view and not merely a partial view, of the subject referred to them have had an interview with The Trustees of The Gas Loan have had access to their papers, &c., by which they find a part of the principal of said stock has been paid off, but that no portion of the interest has been paid.

Your committee are of opinion that before they or the Grand Lodge could act advisedly on the subject the amount of the Stock outstanding should be known and by whom held.

Your committee would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to ascertain the amount of Gas Loan remaining unpaid and by whom held with a view to the Registry of the said debt and that the future consideration of this subject be referred to the committee of Finance in conjunction with The Grand Secretary.

JOHN STEELE.
Dec. 17, 1832. JOSEPH S. RILEY.

On motion made and seconded, The resolution attached to the said Report was adopted.

Communications were received from The Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Georgia, communicating the names of their officers for the present year and ordered to be filed.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past seven o'clock to meet on Monday the 21st January next at six o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 27th December, A. L. 5832, A. D. 1832.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.		
"	George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.		
"	Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.		
"	Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.		
"	Enos S. Gandy, Grand Pursuivant.		
"	Robert Piggot, Grand Chaplain.		
Bro.	Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 203, 211, 216, 21, 197 and 106 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past ten o'clock in the morning.

So much of the minutes of The Quarterly Grand communication of the 3d December instant as related to the election of officers being read and all the officers elect being present they were severally installed into their respective offices and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the craft, viz:

Bro.	John Steele,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments, viz:

Bro. Alexander Quinton, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Fox, Junior Grand Deacon.
" G. C. Potts,
" G. T. Bedell,
" W. E. Ashton,
" R. U. Morgan, } Grand Chaplains.
" Robert Piggot,
" Frederick Plummer,
" Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" Robert Desilver,
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Superintendent of The Hall and Gas.

Bro. John Y. Black.

Grand Committees,

Viz:

Committee of Charity.

Bro. Samuel Bispham.
" Joseph S. Riley.
" Charles Stout.
" Samuel Webb, N°. 3.
" John W. Kelley.

Committee of Finance.

Bro. Samuel Wonderly.
" Enos S. Gandy.
" John W. Dickson.
" Joseph R. Chandler.
" Samuel M. Stewart.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins.
" James M. Brown.
" Jesse R. Burden.

Committee on By Laws.

Bro. John M. Read.
" Samuel Davis.
" N. Fowle.

Committee of Publication.

Bro. David C. Skerrett.
" C. Esenwein.
" A. Montgomery.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Second District.

Bro. Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Third District.

Bro. Nathaniel W. Sample, Jun. of Lancaster County, for the County of Lancaster.

Fourth District.

Bro. Sampson S. King of Gettysburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Adams.

Fifth District.

Bro. Charles Shaler of Pittsburgh, for the counties of Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana.

Sixth District.

Bro. George M. Keim of Reading, for the county of Berks.

Seventh District.

Bro. James Kelton of New London Cross Roads, for the counties of Chester and Delaware.

Eighth District.

Bro. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, Lycoming County, for the counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Tenth District.

Bro. Stephen Barlow of Meadville, Crawford County, for the counties of Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango.

Twelfth District.

Bro. Walter S. Franklin of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

Thirteenth District.

Bro. Thomas H. Baird of Washington County, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.

Fourteenth District.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton County, for the counties of Northampton, Pike and Lehigh.

The R. W. Grand Secretary nominated Bro. Edward Ewing as Deputy Grand Secretary which nomination was unanimously approved.

The following Returns were received, Read and ordered to be filed:

N°. 9, Philadelphia. General Return, 1832.
N°. 52, " " "
N°. 59, " " "
N°. 71, " " "
J—— W——, rejected. R—— B——, G—— C——, J—— G——, B—— H——, D—— McA——, A—— M——, J—— S——, suspended n. p. d.
N°. 72, Philadelphia. General Return, 1832.
N°. 125, " " "
N°. 186, " " "
G—— S——, J—— G——, suspended n. p. d.
N°. 211, Kensington. General Return, 1832.

On motion of Bro. Freeman and seconded, it was unanimously Resolved,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Michael Nisbet for his able, zealous and successful administration of the affairs of this institution during the two past

years, and for his unwearied attention to the interests of the order during the whole course of his masonic life and that a committee be appointed to wait on him with a copy of this resolution.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Freeman, Read and Cooper the committee for that purpose.

An omission having occurred in the former minutes by which a vote of thanks to Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Past Grand Master does not appear on the Records of The Grand Lodge.

It was moved by Bro. Read and seconded, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Samuel Badger, R. W. Past Grand Master, for the able and impartial manner in which he discharged the arduous duties of Grand Master during the period that he filled that highly honourable office.

Which motion was carried unanimously.

After an appropriate and able address from the R. W. Grand Master,

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at Twelve o'clock.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master has also been pleased to erect a Fifteenth Masonic District and has appointed Bro. Francis B. Nichols of District Deputy Grand Master of said District consisting of The County of Schuylkill.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st January, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" Robert Toland, " Dep. Grand Master, P. T.
" Charles Stout, " Senior Grand Warden, "
" Jesse Conard, " Junior Grand Warden, "
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" George Fox, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.

Bro. Charles Remington, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Robert Piggot, Grand Chaplain.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Michael Nisbet, } R. W. Past Grand Masters.
" Thomas Kittera, }

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 126, 125, 130, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 195, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at twenty minutes before seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

A communication was received and read from Charity Lodge, N°. 190, at Norristown, for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge to enable them to hold only four meetings during the present masonic year.

And on motion made and seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of Lodge N°. 190 be granted.

Reports were received from the Committee of Finance on the accounts of The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Superintendent of The Hall and Gas for the 4th quarter of 1832 read and severally adopted.

A Report giving a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the 4th quarter of 1832 was also received from the Committee of Finance, read and ordered to be filed.

The following statement of Receipts and expenditures for the year 1832 was received from the Committee of Finance, Read and Ordered to be filed:

" *Receipts.*

Lodge Dues City and County,	4063.99	
elsewhere,	194.50	
Rent of lower Rooms,	1429.37	
Certificates,	36.00	
Dispensations,	70.	
Warrants,	81.	
Gas establishment,	476.96	
Old Material,	382.37	
Ahiman Rezon,	10.50	
		6744.69

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . .		3621.50	
Gr. Sec^y. for salary,	500		
as Sec^y. Tr. M. L.,	150		
all. for stat^y..	150		
. .		800.	
Hall for sundry expenses, . .		1332.36	
Gas Establishment, . . .		1767.26	
Gr. Tylers Salary and Tyling, .		241.50	
Incidental expenses, . . .		15.26	
			7777.88
			1033.19
In hands Gr. Treas. 27 Dec., 1832,		1.23	
" " Gr. Se. " " "		50	
			1.73
Ded. am^t. due to Sup. on % Sal., .		817.96	
Due by him on % Hall, . .		370.90	
			447.6
			445.33
Cash on hand 27 Dec., 1831, . . .			587.86
			$1033.19"

The following estimate for 1833 was also received from the Committee of Finance, read and ordered to be filed.

" *Receipts.*

Lodge Dues including amount rec^d. from City Lodges for rent, fuel and lighting,		
Viz: City and County, ...	3500	
elsewhere, ...	500	
		4000
Rent of lower Rooms, ...		1400
Gas Establishment for Gas sold below, . . .		500
Dispensations, ...		75
Certificates, ...		30
Ahiman Rezon, ...		10
		6015

Payments.

Interest on Loan and Masonic Debt,	3045	
" " to be made, ...	300	
Gr. Sec^y. Salary and all^es., ...	800	
Gr. Tyler, ...	175	
Hall Expenses, ...	300	
Gas, ...	500	
		5120
		895

Philad^a., January 19th, 1833."

The following statements of the Debt due by the Grand Lodge and of the Sinking Fund were received from the committee of Finance read and ordered to be filed.

Debts due by Grand Lodge, January 19th, 1833, viz:	
"Fourth Masonic Loan pay. 1 Jan., 1840, at 6 p. c., .	20.000
Masonic Debt, " 1 " " " .	14.500
Debt due Lodges N°. 9 and 59 at 5 p. c. redeemable at pleasure, ...	500
Loan of 1825 pay. 1 Jan., 1835, at 5 p. c. . .	19.000
	54.000
Add to the above loan to be made, . . .	6.000
	60.000

Statement of Sinking Fund,

January 19th, 1833.

"49 shares Masonic Loan and Debt, at 6 p. c. payable the 1 Jan., 1840, at par, ...	4900
In hands of the Treasurer, ...	20
Int. due 1 July, 1832, on Masonic Loan, . .	185
" 1 Jan., 1833, " " . .	147
	5252
Ded. amt. due S. Girard's legacy unpaid for the redemption of the 10.900 due 1 Jan., 1832, .	174.25
Whole amount of Sinking Fund, . . .	5067.75"

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was also received and Read:

"The committee of Finance beg leave to make their quarterly and annual Report.

Accompanying this is a statement of the receipts and payments for the fourth quarter of 1832; also a statement of the receipts and payments for the whole year 1832; another statement contains the estimates for the year 1833; accompanying also is a statement of Debt due by the Grand Lodge and of the Sinking Fund.

The committee also furnish herewith a statement of Debts due by the Grand Lodge for repairs recently gone into.

While the committee call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the heavy aggregate of expenses attending the repairs done to the Hall and Gas establishment they take the liberty respectfully to state, that some of the cost should have been made and presented to the Grand Lodge and received its sanction before the work was entered on, especially as The Grand Lodge has been from time to time admonished that the situation of its finances called for the closest economy.

The committee do not doubt that The Hall and Gas House needed all the repairs which have been made upon them and they do but suggest that when it became evident that such an expenditure was necessary the Grand Lodge should have been apprised thereof. The expenditures which have been made have certainly left the Hall in a much better state than it has been in for several years, perhaps than it was when first erected, for the repairs and alterations as far as the committee can judge are tasteful, commodious and substantial and decided advantages result from the new arrangement.

The Am$^{t.}$ to be provided for is as follows:

Due for repairs and alterations of Hall and Gas,	5500.
Deficiency as will be seen by statement for 1832,	445.33
Due to the Grand Legacy unpaid interest on 10.900 of our own debt bequeathed by S. Girard Interest to 8 Aug., 32, $722\frac{85}{100}$, to 11 Sept., 32, $59.95, ...	782.80
	6728.13

In addition to the above deficiency the salary of the Superintendent not yet agreed on, must be provided for, but your

committee not being apprised of the duties of that officer nor of the time devoted to their performance are unable to make an estimate for his compensation.

As the deficiency above stated exists, as a direct demand upon the Grand Lodge your committee feel called upon to recommend that a loan be negotiated for six thousand Dollars which sum they believe will be sufficient for the proposed purpose; they therefore offer The following resolutions:

Resolved, That The Committee of Finance be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate a Loan to this Grand Lodge of Six Thousand Dollars at an interest not exceeding Five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly and for a period of not more than twelve years, for the payment of the principal and interest of which Loan the faith of the Grand Lodge is hereby pledged and as a further security therefor, the Trustees of the property on Chestnut Street are hereby required to execute a mortgage of the same to The Trustees of The Masonic Loans in trust for the subscribers to this Loan.

Resolved, That the sum of Three Thousand three hundred and forty five Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest on Loans and Debt to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Grand Secretary's salary and allowance to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and seventy five Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of Grand Tylers salary, &c., to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That The sum of Three hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the use of the Hall and the sum of Five hundred Dollars for the use of the Gas establishment to be drawn for by The Superintendent of The Hall and Gas under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the sum of Five thousand five hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated to pay the outstanding debts for repairs of Hall and Gas establishment during the past year to be drawn for by The Superintendent of the Hall and Gas under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of Four hundred forty seven Dollars 6/100 be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the balance due the superintendent of The Hall and Gas on the settlement of his account for the 4th Quarter of 1832 to be drawn for by The Superintendent under the usual restriction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philad^a., Jan. 19, 1833.

S. WONDERLY,
J. R. CHANDLER,
S. M. STEWART,
E. S. GANDY, } Committee."

And on motion made and seconded, the foregoing resolutions were severally adopted and the said Report ordered to be filed.

The following Returns for 1832 were received, Read and ordered to be filed.

N°. 3, Philadelphia. General Return.

" 19, " "

J—— S. E——, C—— I. C——, W—— W——, B—— C——, J—— W——. Susp. n. p. d. T—— R——, reinstated and resigned.

N°. 51, " "

N°. 67, " "

E—— P——, A—— H——, Susp., n. p. d.

N°. 91, " "

A—— T. S——, expelled.

N°. 114, " "

G. K——, J. L——, J. M——, J—— R——, J—— C——, Susp. n. p. d.

N°. 115, " "

J. H——, C. H——, J. G——, E—— T——, J—— C——, susp. n. p. d. F—— S. B——, H—— B. N——, M—— T——, expelled.

N°. 155, Philadelphia. General Return.

H—— W. K——, A—— M^cI——, J—— B——, J—— V——, B—— L——, struck off n. p. d. J—— M——, expelled 1827. J—— R. H——, expelled, un. m. c., 1830.

N°. 187, " "

J. C——, Jr., J. S. C——, W. J——, J. H. J——, expelled.

The annual communication from the Grand Lodge of Indiana for 1832, 3 was received, read and ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at twenty minutes past seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" Charles Stout, " Senior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George S. Schott, " Junior Grand Warden, "
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" John Thomson, Dep. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" J. Corkrin, Senior Grand Deacon, "
" Alexander Diamond, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 135, 155, 158, 186, 201, 203 and 138 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at fifteen minutes past seven in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The minutes of The Quarterly Grand communication of the 3d December last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand communications of the 17th December and 21st January last and of the annual Grand Communication of the 27th December last were read severally.

And on motion made and seconded, adopted.

The following General Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed:

N°. 2, Philadelphia, December, 1832. J—— S——, H—— B——, G—— B——, S—— R. B——, exp. n. p. d. W—— S——, exp. un. mas. conduct.
" 119, Gibson, " "
" 121, Philadelphia, " "
" 130, " " "
" 131, " " "
R—— T. B——, S—— H——, R—— G——, F—— D——, suspended, n. p. d.
" 132, Waynesburgh, " "
W—— W——, expelled, 10 Dec., 1831, n. p. d.
" 138, Orwigsburg, December, 1831.
" " " December, 1832.
" 216, Pottsville, December, 1832.

The following annual communications were received from the following Grand Lodges, read and ordered to be filed:

Connecticut, ...	1832.
Virginia, ...	"
Georgia, ...	"
Ohio, ...	1833.
Florida	"

District of Columbia for 1833 communicating names and signatures of officers.

The following Report was received from the committee of Finance, read and ordered to be filed.

"That in pursuance of the authority vested in them by The Grand Lodge they have negotiated with the Trustees of The Girard Charity Fund for a Loan of 6000 Dollars payable in Twelve years at the rate of Five per cent. per annum, for which they received a premium of Three per cent. The committee are not prepared to report on any other business of The Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1833.

S. Wonderly,
Jos. R. Chandler, } Committee.
S. M. Stewart,

The following accounts from the Treasurer of The Sinking Fund and Secretary of The Girard Charity Fund were received, Read and ordered to be filed.

Dr. Thomas Hale, Treasurer

1831.			
May 23,	To dividend 200 F. and M. B. St.		400,
July 18,	" 11.500 6s and 2400 5/s		405,
Nov. 15,	do. 202 F. and M. Bank		404
1832.			
Jan. 2,	Cash 1000, 1300, 100,		2.400
			3609
Feb. 6,	Due, on 12.100 6s	363	423
" "	2.400 5s	60	
May 19,	" 202 F. and M. Bank		404
	Sale of 73 F. and M. at 136½	4982.25	
	Bk.	12.48	
			4969.77
1833.			9.405.77
Jan. 29,	Cash Div. on 6500 6/s		195.
			9.600.77
Feb. 1,	To balance due to M. S. F.,		40.75

Dr. John M. Read, Secretary

1832.		
Sept.	3, To 59 shares 2 Mas. Loan	$5900.00
"	" " 50 " 3 " "	5000.00
"	" " cash	7877.15
1833.		
January 29,	" cash balance from S. Fund	174.25
"	" " Dividend on F. and M. B. Stock 129 sh.	258.00
		19.209.40

of the Masonic S. Fund. Cr.

1831.				
March 4	By balance,			54.36
Sept. 19	" 600, 6 p. c. a 101,			606.
" "	2 F. and M. B. bt. 24 Augt.			142.50
1832.				
Jan. 3,	cash pd. J. M. Read,	1000		
" 4,	" "	1300		
			2400	
Feb. 1,	" "		506.14	
			3609.	
7,	cash pd. J. M. Read, G. T.		423.	
May 21,	cash J. M. R.,		5353.77	
			9385.77	
1833.				
Jan. 29,	cash J. M. R., G. T.,		174.25	
Feb. 1,	Bal. due,		40.75	
			9.600.77	

By transfer of 129 F. and M. B. 5600 6/s.

Thos. Hale, Treas.,
Philad., 1 Feb., 1833."

of the Trustees of the Girard Legacy. Cr.

1832.		
Sept.	15, By 5 shares mas. 5 p. c. Loan at 102½	512.50
"	17, " 3 " " " " " "	307.50
"	" " 10 " " " " " "	1025.00
"	" " 13 " " 6 p. c. " at 108	1404.00
"	" " 13 " " 5 p. c. " at 102½	1332.50
"	" " 7 " " 6 p. c. " at 108	756.00
"	26, " 2 " " 5 p. c. " at 101½	203.00
"	11, " transfer from S. Fund of 129 shares F. and Mech. B. Stock 139½	3.997.75
"	" " and 16 shares mas. Debt at 108	1.728.00
1833.		
Jan.	29, " cash from S. Fund	174.25
"	" " Balance Due by Secretary	2.768.90
		19.209.40

E. C.
John M. Read,
Sec. Trustees Girard Legacy.

Girard Legacy has stocks.

36 shares 6 p. c. mas. Loan p. 1 Jan., 1840 at pa.,		3600.00
33 " 5 p. " " 1835 " .		3300.00
129 shares F. and Mech. B. Stock, at par,		6450.00
		13.350.00
Int. due G. Lodge, ...		782.80
Cash balance, ...		2.766.90
Int. due by Gr. L. 1 Jan., 1833, . . .		190.50
		3.742.20

Girard Legacy.

1832.

Sept. 3,	Received of Executors of S. Girard his Legacy under the VII Section as follows:	
"	59 shares 2 Masonic Loan, . . .	5.900.00
"	50 " 3 " "	5.000.00
"	Int. on do. to 8th August, 1832, assigned with debt, ...	722.85
"	In cash, ...	7.877.15
		19.500.00
	Collateral Inh. Tax ded. from Legacy, .	500.00
		20.000.00

The following Preamble and resolutions were on motion made and seconded,

Unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Lodge N°. 160 has not used the North West Room during the past year except on one or two occasions and will not be able to use it for masonic purposes during the present year and it is just and expedient to relieve them from the payment of the annual sum for Rent, fuel and light for 1832 and 1833 upon reasonable conditions,

Therefore Resolved, That upon the payment of one hundred Dollars over to The Grand Treasurer on account of their arrears for rent, fuel and light of former years, the said lodge N°. 160 be and it is hereby released from the payment of any sums whatever on account of rent, fuel and light for 1832 and 1833.

Resolved, That Lodge N°. 160 be and it is hereby authorized to hold a special election for officers of said Lodge to serve until St. John's day next.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the usual annual publication of suspensions, expulsions and rejections by the Lodges under this jurisdiction and those communicated by other Grand Lodges be suspended for the past year.

The following Preamble and Resolutions prepared by the R. W. Grand Master were read by The Grand Secretary,

And on motion made and seconded, were Unanimously Adopted.

Whereas circumstances have for a length of time prevented many of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge from assembling and otherwise discharging their masonic duties and in many instances the Lodges are from these causes unable to discharge their dues to The Grand Lodge and to continue their labours,

And Whereas, it is just and proper that this R. W. Grand Lodge should use its powers to reorganize and bring into active operation such of the Lodges in the interior as are thus situated,

Therefore Resolved,

That such of the Lodges within this jurisdiction beyond the City and County of Philadelphia, as may find it necessary to avail themselves of the provisions hereinafter contained are hereby authorized and empowered to act in conformity thereto, Viz:

1st. The Brethren of said Lodges in such numbers as are willing to do so shall meet at as early a day as possible and reorganize their Lodge and said Brethren so met together with such of the original members of said Lodge as they may wish, shall constitute the members of such Lodge, and where the same may be necessary, they are hereby authorized to hold special elections for officers of such Lodge and they shall forthwith prepare and transmit to The Grand Lodge, Returns of such reorganization, officers and members, and they shall also therewith or as soon thereafter as practicable remit the Annual Amount of dues to the Grand Lodge for said members so organized for the year 1832, which must in all cases be paid up to entitle any Lodge to the benefit of this resolution.

2d. The said Lodges shall forthwith render returns for those years for which they have made none to the Grand Lodge, and also a statement of the dates and amounts of all the payments made by them to the Grand Lodge, *and to whom made*, from the 27 December, 1826 to the present time.

3d. If the said Lodges shall represent their inability to liquidate said account or any part thereof, the said account shall be adjusted and closed on the Books of the Grand Lodge by said lodges giving their bonds respectively for such amount, (or such part thereof as they may be unable to pay) to the Grand Lodge payable in Ten Years without interest with this agreement annexed: "That if such Lodge shall collect such amount or any part thereof the same shall forthwith be paid over to The Grand Lodge and such payment so made shall be endorsed on the back of the bond."

2nd. Resolved, That such of the Lodges as may not find it necessary to use all or any of the provisions hereinbefore made for their relief are strictly required *immediately* to comply with the second requisition, as the information therein requested is absolutely necessary for a correct settlement of their accounts with the Grand Lodge.

3d. Resolved, That the District Deputy Grand Masters under this jurisdiction be and they are hereby empowered and requested to have the provisions of the foregoing Resolutions carried into effect in their respective Districts with as little delay as possible and that hereafter in the discharge of their official duties they will require of the Lodges within their jurisdiction to be prompt in rendering to The Grand Lodge their annual returns and in remitting their annual dues and will also transmit their own reports of the state of the Lodges under their care, the number of dispensations granted by them and a remittance of the fees for the same with their accounts.

And on motion made and seconded, The foregoing preamble and resolutions were ordered to be printed and transmitted to the Lodges beyond the City and County of Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at twenty minutes past nine o'clock to meet on the first Monday in April next at seven o'clock in the evening.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st April, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Enos S. Gandy, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.		
"	John C. Smith, Junior Grand Deacon, "		
"	David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.		
"	Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 203, 211, 21, 106, 197 and 138 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at half past Seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The following reports were received from the committee on by laws and on motion made and seconded, was laid on the table:

"That they have considered the amendments proposed by Kensington Lodge, No. 211, to the 9th and 10th article of their by laws and finding them inconsistent with the terms on which their charter was granted recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do not approve of the alterations to the by Laws of No. 211 proposed by that Lodge.

JOHN M. READ.
SAMUEL DAVIS."

The following report was also received from the same committee.

"That they have examined the by Laws of Columbia Lodge,

N°. 91, and Report the same to The Grand Lodge for its approbation with the following amendments.

In article 2d strike out "Past Masters by actual service and present and past wardens only shall be eligible to fill the master's chair" and also the residue of said article 2d after the words "from the payment thereof."

In article 4th after the word "stated" in the 3d line insert "adjourned."

In article 8th strike out all after the word "do" in the 12th line to the word "brethren" inclusive in the 15th line and for the next word "but" read "and."

In article 16th strike out the last sentence commencing with the words "and every brother."

In article 17th in the eighth line strike out "two thirds" and insert "a majority."

And in article 18th strike out "two thirds" and insert "a majority."

Resolved, That the by laws of Lodge N°. 91 as amended be approved."

JOHN M. READ,
SAMUEL DAVIS, } Committee on by Laws.

The following report was received from the committee of correspondence, read and ordered to be filed.

"That since the last report communications have been received from The Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

That your Committee have carefully examined these communications and are of opinion that there is nothing contained in either of them requiring the special action of this Grand Lodge. They all exhibit a state of prosperity and harmony throughout the order.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has wisely determined "peacefully to adhere to our institution through evil as well as through good report" notwithstanding the recommendation of a committee of the Legislature of that state.

By a late resolution of The Grand Lodge of Maryland, a certificate of recent date or the voucher of a member of the

Lodge is required from any Brother wishing to visit a Lodge under their jurisdiction.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
JAMES M. BROOM, } Com."

General Returns for 1832 were received from the following Lodges, read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge N°. 46, Lititz, Lancaster County. D—— W——, G—— Y——, G—— M. B——, M—— G——, stricken off n. p. d.

" N°. 50, West Chester, Chester County. P—— J——, Susp.

" N°. 60, Brownsville, Fayette County. J—— F——.

The R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Michael Nisbet, reported to The Grand Lodge that The Grand officers of the last year had agreed to allow Bro. John Y. Black, Superintendent of The Hall and Gas the sum of seven hundred Dollars as a compensation for his services both ordinary and extraordinary and his expenses incurred in the employment of The Grand Lodge for the year 1832 and The R. W. Grand Master reported that the present Grand officers had fixed the compensation of the said superintendent for the year 1833 at three hundred Dollars.

When on motion made and seconded,

It was Resolved,

That the sum of one thousand Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the compensation of the Superintendent of The Hall and Gas for the years 1832 and 1833 to be drawn for in quarterly sums of Two hundred and fifty Dollars by the said Superintendent under the usual restrictions.

A Letter was received from The Superintendent of the Hall and Gas stating that a handsome Italian Stone has been presented by Bro. John Struthers for the Grand Master's pedestal and that J. Price Wetherill and S. V. Merrick, Esquire, had also presented a splendid lamp for the front of the Hall.

Whereupon it was Unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. John Struthers and J. P. Wetherill and S. V. Merrick, Esquire, for the very acceptable donations.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past eight o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3, Wednesday, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	David Boyd,	"	Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Robert Piggott, Grand Chaplain.		
"	Chambers, Grand Chaplain, P. T.		
"	John Y. Black, Senior Grand Deacon.		
"	Charles Stout, Junior Grand Deacon.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 51, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 114, 130, 131 and 134 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Master masons lodge was closed and an entered apprentices lodge was opened. The R. W. Grand Master having announced that it was his intention by virtue of his authority as Grand Master to enter William T. Sproul a clergyman of the German Reformed church, he was accordingly introduced and initiated into the first degree of masonry and having retired the E. Apprentices lodge was closed and a Master Masons lodge opened.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at four o'clock in the afternoon.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 3d, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	p. t.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	Charles Stout,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	Alexander Quinton,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	Samuel Perkins,	"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	

Bro. Edward Ewing, Dep. Gr. Secretary.
" William Page, Senior Gr. Deacon, p. t.
" George Fox, Junior Gr. Deacon.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Bayse Newcomb, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" Michael Nisbet,

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 102, 106, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 168, 186, 187, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at ten minutes past eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 4 March last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 1st April last and of the Extra communication of the 3d April last were severally read and on motion made and seconded,

Adopted.

General Returns for 1833 were received from the following Lodges read and ordered to be filed:

No. 102, Frankford, Philadelphia Co. J—— N——, W—— S——, M—— K. K——, P—— G——, N—— K. D——, N—— H. W——, E—— M——, suspended.
No. 126, Philadelphia.
" 141, Halifax, Dauphin County.
" 158, Philadelphia.
" 201, Mauch Chunk. J—— F. B——, suspended, n. p. d.

A communication was received and read from sundry members of Lodge No. 125, at Uniontown, asking permission to appropriate part of the furniture, &c., of said lodge to pay certain debts and on motion made and seconded, was referred to Bros. Kittera, Toland and N. Fowle.

A communication from The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, containing the names and signatures of their officers for 1833 was received, read and ordered to be filed.

The following resolution was offered by The R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Nisbet:

Resolved, That a committee of Five be appointed to take into consideration the last clause of section 9th page 58 of the old Ahiman Rezon and to report thereon at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

And being seconded was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Nisbet, Lancaster, Perkins, H. Benner and W. Stephens.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter past nine o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 2, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Dep. Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	S. Grand Warden.
"	Jesse Conard,	"	J. Grand Warden p. t.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	John C. Smith, S. Gr. Deacon, p. t.		
"	Enos S. Gandy, J. Gr. Deacon, "		
"	Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.		
"	David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.		
Bros.	Michael Nisbet,	R. W. P. Gr. Masters.	
"	Thomas Kittera,		
"	Bayse Newcomb,		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 67, 59, 71, 91, 114, 72, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 203, 21, 197, 195 and 201 represented.

Twenty eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at twenty minutes before eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The Minutes of The Quarterly Grand Communication of the 3 June, were read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

A printed communication from Cumberland Lodge, N°. 61, Maryland, praying for aid for their Brother Masons who suffered by the late dreadful fire at Cumberland was received, read and on motion made and seconded, referred to Bro^s. S. Bradford, Read, Harris.

The following report was received from the committee on By Laws.

"That they have examined the amended By Laws of Columbia Lodge N°. 91, and also the additional By Laws proposed by lodge N°. 50 at West Chester, changing their hours of meeting and recommend the approval of the same and the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the By Laws of Lodge N°. 91, and the additional By Laws of Lodge N°. 50, be approved.

JOHN M. READ, }
S. DAVIS, } Com."

And on motion made and seconded, the said Resolution was adopted.

General Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, from Lodge N°. 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., for 1828, and also for 1830.

Communications were also received from the following Grand Lodges read and ordered to be filed.

New York	for	1833.
Mississippi,	"	"
Rhode Island,	"	"
Louisiana,	"	"
S. Carolina,	"	"
Nova Scotia,	"	"

A communication was received from Lodge N°. 216, Pottsville, appointing Bro. J. S. Cohen their Proxy to represent them in Grand Lodge.

And on motion and seconded,

The said appointment was approved and Bro. J. S. Cohen recognized as the proxy of Lodge N°. 216.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past eight o'clock in the evening to meet on the 3^d Monday of this month at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 16, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. Gr. Master,	"
"	Jacob Allen,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	John Y. Black,	"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary,	"

" Edward Ewing, Dep. Grand Secretary.
" Patrick Dorff, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Thomson, Junior Grand Deacon, "
" David Nathans, Grand Sword Bearer.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 203 and 106 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at a quarter before eight o'clock in the evening.

The following Report was received from the committee appointed on the 2d June last to take into consideration "the last clause of section 9, page 58, of the old Ahiman Rezon, &c.," read and ordered to be laid over the usual period.

That They have carefully considered the subject and can arrive at no other conclusion than this, That to continue in usefulness and to maintain itself, no association can remain long together unless supported by those who enjoy its daily benefits.

That in this particular masonry is perhaps more dependent upon *its members* than any other Society. Besides which many lodges (encurring great expense) are daily imparting knowledge and experience to visitors who are not contributors, by which means they escape the responsibilities and expense of membership, yet enjoying every other advantage. Your committee are therefore of opinion that our old regulation approved by this Grand Lodge in 1781 was proper and good, they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That no lodge under this jurisdiction be permitted

to admit a visitor a second time (who is not a member of a Warranted Lodge) sojourners excepted.

Signed. MICHAEL NISBET.
H. BENNER.
S. H. PERKINS.

Philad., Sept. 2d. 1833.

General Returns were received, read and ordered to be filed, from Lodge No. 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland County, for 1831, 1833.

Communications were received, read and ordered to be filed, from The Grand Lodges of Kentucky and New York, giving the names and signatures of their officers for the current year.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at ten Minutes past eight o'clock in the evening to meet on Monday the twenty first day of October next at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st October, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	George Fox,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	N. Fowle,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	John Y. Black,	"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	

" Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" John Thomson, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Enos S. Gandy, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" George S. Schott, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 51, 52, 59, 67, 91, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 186, 187, 211, 71, 106 and 203 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in form at Seven o'clock in the evening.

Reports were received from the committee of Finance, containing statements of the receipts and payments for the first and second quarters of 1833, which were read and ordered to be filed.

The following Report was also received from the same committee.

"The committee of Finance at the suggestion of the Superintendent have examined and find necessary to have a staircase leading from the landing in the Back entry to the Banquetting Room, thereby making a direct communication between the Kitchen and Banquetting Room.

They therefore offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, that the sum of thirty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose to be drawn for under the usual restrictions."

Which Report and Resolution being read was on motion approved and adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 2d, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	GEORGE M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	J. Pearce,	"	Junior Grand Warden.	
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.	
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	

" Edward Ewing, Dep. Grand Secretary.
" T. Colladay, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Samuel Black, Junior Grand Deacon, "
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.

Bro. David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Thomas Kittera and Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 21, 197, 106, 195, 201, 203, 138 and 216 represented.

Thirty Two Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at twenty minutes past six o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand communication of the 2 September last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 16th of the same month, and of the 21st October last were read and on motion made and seconded, were severally adopted.

This being the evening appointed by The Rules and Regulations of The Grand Lodge for the annual election of officers The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for them when it appeared that the following were all duly re-elected, viz:

Bro.	John Steele,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past eight o'clock to meet on Monday the sixteenth day of December instant at six o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 16th, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	Henry Benner,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"

Bro. Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" J. A. Phillips, Deputy Grand Secretary, P. T.
" A. Cunningham, Senior Grand Deacon, "
" John Thomson, Junior Grand Deacon, "
" Enos S. Gandy, Grand Sword Bearer, "
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal, "
" William W. Wan, Grand Pursuivant, "
" Thomas Kittera, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 106, 114, 115, 121, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 195, 203 and 211 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at a quarter before seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The following report from the committee appointed on the 3d June last upon the Petition of several members of Laurel Lodge, No. 215, at Uniontown, was read and on motion made and seconded, the report and resolution annexed thereto were adopted.

"That by the communication it appears that this Lodge has sometime since been dissolved. That they were indebted to a person for money loaned them the sum of Fifty Dollars and they ask the Grand Lodge leave to dispose of so much of their furniture as may be requisite to pay this debt.

"Your comee. think the request reasonable and one that should be accorded to and therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

TH. KITTERA,
N. FOWLE, } Comee."
ROB. TOLAND,

Annual communications from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Connecticut for the year 1833, were received, read and ordered to be filed.

The Report made on the 16 September last on the subject of visitors of subordinate Lodges with the resolution appended thereto was taken up and considered and after some discussion

its further consideration was on motion made and seconded, postponed for the present.

On motion made and seconded,

It was Resolved, That a committee of twenty one (together with the Grand officers) be appointed to enquire into and report on the State of The Finances and property of the Grand Lodge and to devise such measures as may appear to them most expedient in order to diminish the burthens now imposed upon the subordinate lodges and at the same time to increase the prosperity of this Grand Lodge and of the Lodges under its jurisdiction and to extend the benefits of masonic Charity.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Kittera, Badger, Nisbet, Jos. Burden, R. R. Moore, W. Creth, A. Montgomery, G. W. Jones, E. S. Gandy, C. Stout, J. B. Lancaster, H. Benner, A. Diamond, C. Erenwein, J. Moore, J. E. Bowen, J. W. Kelly, M. Bouvier, W. Stephens, D. W. Engelman, J. Keen, who together with the elective Grand officers compose the above committee.

General Return for 1833 was received, read and ordered to be filed, from

Lodge No. 187, Philadephia. J—— M——, R—— K——, exp.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at ten minutes before eight o'clock in the evening to meet on the first Monday in February next at six o'clock in the evening.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, Friday, December 27th, A. L. 5833, A. D. 1833.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.	
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	

Bro. J. Corkran, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" William Barger, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 185, 21, 197, 106, 138 and 203 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at half past Ten o'clock in the morning.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 2d December instant, as relates to the election of officers being read and all the officers being present (except the R. W. Grand Master who was prevented attending by severe bodily indisposition) they were severally installed into their respective offices and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the craft, viz:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R. W.	Dep. Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half past eleven o'clock in the morning.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

The following General Returns were received, read on the 27 December, 1833, and ordered to be filed:

No. 9, Philadelphia, Decem., 1833. S—— E——, J. S. F——, J—— K——, exp.
" 19, " " " R—— G——, exp., Dec., 1832.
" 52, " " " I—— B——, G—— W. B——, J—— H——, H—— W——, s., n. p. d.
" 59, " " "
" 67, " " "
" 71, " " "

No. 72, Philadelphia, Decem., 1833.
" 115, " " "
" 125, " " " L—— F——, D—— R——, A. B——, exp., n. p. d.
" 158, " " " E—— S——, T—— T. D——, J—— S. C——, W. H. D——, W. E——, W. B. B——, T—— S——, S—— S. F——, W. W——, suspended.
" 186, " " " G—— H——, E—— K——, exp., n. p. d.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, February 3d. A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. JOHN STEELE, R. W. Grand Master.
" Tristram B. Freeman, " Dep. Grand Master, P. T.
" Robert Toland, " Senior Grand Warden, "
" Haydock, " Junior Grand Warden, "
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Robinson R. Moore, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Davis, Grand Sword Bearer.
" John W. Dickson, Grand Marshal.
" Enos S. Gandy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 211, 106 and 203 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at ten minutes before seven o'clock in the evening.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Grand communication of the second of December last, as relates to the election of Grand Master being read, Bro. John Steele was installed in his office of R. W. Grand Master and being duly proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the craft.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments:

Bro. Robinson R. Moore, S. Grand Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, J. Grand Deacon.
" G. C. Potts, } Grand Chaplains.
" G. T. Bedell, } Grand Chaplains.
" W. E. Ashton, } Grand Chaplains.
" Robert Piggott, } Grand Chaplains.
" W. T. Sprole, } Grand Chaplains.
" Thomas Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" Robert Desilver, } Grand Stewards.
" William Stephens, Gr. Sword Bearer.
" Joseph S. Riley, Gr. Marshal.
" David Nathans, Gr. Pursuivant.
" Charles Schneider, Gr. Tyler.

Superintendent of The Hall and Gas.

Bro. John Y. Black.

Grand Committees, viz:

Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Charles Stout, Samuel Webb, N°. 3, J. W. Kelley, Armon Davis.

Committee of Finance.

Bro. Samuel Wonderly, Enos S. Gandy, J. W. Dickson, Joseph R. Chandler, Samuel M. Stewart.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, Jesse R. Burden, James M. Broom.

Committee on By-Laws.

Bro. John M. Read, Samuel Davis, N. Fowle.

Committee of Publication.

Bro. David C. Skerrett, C. Esenwein, A. Montgomery.

All The Brethren appointed District Deputy Grand Masters on the 27 December, 1832, were reappointed by the R. W. Grand Master for the current year for their respective Districts.

The R. W. Grand Secretary nominated Bro. Edward Ewing as Deputy Grand Secretary which nomination was unanimously approved.

General Returns for 1833 from the following Lodges were received, read and ordered to be filed, viz:

No. 2, Philadelphia.
3, " J—— L——, S—— G——, E—— R——, R—— S. C——, D—— S——, J—— J——, J—— S——, M. T——, C—— D——, J—— F——, T—— McG——, J—— G. B——, expelled.
114, Philadelphia. R—— S——, I—— B——, J. S. I——, H. E. M——, E—— F——, W—— J——, J—— R——, J. F. M——, suspended, n. p. d.
138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County. G—— S——, A—— P——, J—— T——, J—— L. C——, suspended, n. p. d.
155, Philadelphia. R—— G. C——, S—— B. C——, C—— L. K——, s., n. p. d.
201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton County.
130, Philadelphia.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, containing an extract from their proceedings and the names of their officers elected on the 12 November, 1833, was received, read and ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at eight o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 3d, A. L, 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. Gr. Master,	"
"	Charles Stout,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	James Hickey,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.	
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Senior Grand Deacon.	
"	John C. Smith,	"	Junior Grand Deacon,	P. T.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	Grand Sword Bearer,	"
"	Joseph S. Riley,	"	Grand Marshal.	
"	J. W. McGrath,	"	Grand Pursuivant,	P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 102, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 187, 211, 106, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in form at twenty minutes past seven o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the second of December last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communications of the sixteenth of the same month and of the third of February last, and of the annual Grand communication of the twenty seventh of December last were severally read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

A communication was received from Lodge N°. 43, at Lancaster, relative to their debt and dues to the Grand Lodge which was read with the accompanying papers and referred to the committee of Finance.

A Petition for Charity was received from Bardasch, an emigrant Pole, which was read and referred to the committee of Charity.

General Returns were received from Lodge N°. 190, held at Norristown, Montgomery County, for

1832, E—— M. G——, T—— M——, D—— D——,
E—— McN——, J—— K——, Suspended.

1833.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at half past eight o'clock in the evening to meet on the first Monday of April next at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 7, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Dep. G. Master,	"
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Senior G. Warden,	"
"	Jesse Conard,	"	Junior G. Warden,	"
"		"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Senior Grand Deacon.	
"	Francis Cooper,	"	Junior Grand Deacon.	

Bro.	Andrew May,	R. W.	Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
"	Joseph Riley,	"	Grand Marshal.
"	William W. Wan,	"	Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 50, 51, 52, 59, 72, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 186, 187, 211, 106, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at ten minutes before eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

Reports were received from The Committee of Finance on the accounts of The Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Superintendent of The Hall and Gas for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 1833, read and ordered to be filed.

The following statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the different quarters of 1833, were received from the Committee of Finance, Read and ordered to be filed.

For 1st Quarter ending 31 March, 1833.

Receipts.

Lodge dues recd. from different Lodges,	1630.75	
Rent of Lower rooms,	152.00	
Gas sold below,	28.77	
Dispensations,	75.00	
Certificates,	8.00	
Ahiman Rezon,	3.00	
		1897.52

Payments.

Interest on Loans,		1446.50
Grand Secy. for salary,	125.00	
" " S. T. M. Loans,	37.50	
" " allowance for staty.,	37.50	200.00
Grand Tyler's salary,		43.50
Salary of Sup.,	75.00	
Appl. for do. for last year 1st payment,	175.00	250.00
Hall for expenses,	53.93	
Gas for do.,	49.26	
Inc. expenses Ch. B.,	87	
		2044.06
Payments exceed Receipts,		$146.54

Receipts.

	2 quarter.			3 quarter.		4 quarter.	
Lodge dues,	702.18		City and Co., 595.00 elsewhere, 40.00	635.00		353.00	
Rent of L. Rooms,	441.57			440.26		840.91	
Gas sold below,	74.46			108.84		232.40	
Certificates,	10.00			2.00		12.00	
Dispensations,	20.00			10.00		25.00	1463.31
Interest recd. from Lodge No. 9, 7.50							
" " " " 59, 5.00	12.50	1260.71					
Ahiman Rezon,				1.50	1205.60		

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	141.50			1.023.50		105.00	
Grand Secretarys salary, &c.,	200.00					400.00	
Grand Tylers, do.,	43.50			43.50		51.00	
Hall expenses,	113.20			193.75		101.02	
Gas, do.,	140.43			202.45		256.36	
Superintendent Salary, 75.00			75.00	250.00	75.00	250.00	
Appropriation for Last year, 175.00	250.00	888.63	175.00		175.00		1163.38
Rec. exceed Payments,		372.08	Payments exc. Receipts,		507.60	Rec. exc. Payments	299.93

And the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1833 and Estimates for the year 1834 were received from the Committee of Finance, read and ordered to be filed.

Receipts.

	Statements.		Estimates 1834.	
Lodge Dues City and Co., &c.,	3320.93		3265	
Rent of Lower Rooms,	1882.74		2100	
Gas sold below,	444.47		300	
Dispensations,	130.00		100	
Certificates,	32.00		30	
Ahiman Rezon,	4.50		5	
Int. of Lodges No. 9 and 59,	12.50			5800
		5827.14		

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	2716.50		3345	
Grand Secretarys Salary,	800.00		800	
G. Tylers salary and Tyling,	181.50		175	
Hall for Repairs,	461.90		300	
Gas " do.,	648.50		500	
Do. for side lights and Floor lights in the saloon,			100	
Superintendent salary for 1832, 700.00 do. " for 1833, 300.00	1.000.00		S. Salary, 300	
		5809.27		5520
Incidental expenses Ch. Book. Receipts exceed expenditures,		$17.87	Overplus,	$280

Phil^a, April 5, 1834. S. Wonderly, Ch^r., J. R. Chandler, S. M. Stewart, } Committee.

The Following was received, read and ordered to be filed:

"The committee of Finance beg leave to make their quarterly reports up to the end of the year 1833, accompanying which is a statement of the Receipts and Payments for the whole of the year 1833; also a statement of the estimates for the year 1834, the Committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of *Three Thousand Three hundred and Forty five Dollars* be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of interest on Loans and Debt to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of *eight hundred Dollars* be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Grand Secretary's salary and allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of *one hundred and seventy five Dollars* be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Grand Tylers salary and allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of *Three hundred Dollars* be and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Salary of the Superintendent of The Hall and Gas to be drawn for by him under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the sum of *Three hundred Dollars* be and it is hereby Appropriated for the use of the Hall, and the sum of *Five hundred Dollars* for the use of the Gas Establishment, and the sum of *one hundred Dollars* for the purpose of placing side and floor lights in the Saloon to be drawn for by the Superintendent of the Hall and Gas under the usual restrictions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. Wonderly, Chr.,
Jos. R. Chandler,
S. M. Stewart, Sec^y.,
} Committee.

Phil^a., April 5, 1834.

And on motion made and seconded,

The said resolutions were severally considered and adopted.

The following report was received from the Committee on by Laws and read:

"That they have duly considered the amendments proposed by Lodge N°. 52 to the 5 and 10 Articles of their by Laws, and approve of the first but not the second amendment so proposed and submitted to the G. Lodge and therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the amendment proposed by Lodge N°. 52 to the 5th Article of their By laws be approved.

Resolved, That the amendment proposed by said Lodge to the 10th Article of their by Laws be disapproved."

Which report and resolutions was laid on the table.

"That they have considered the amendments proposed by Pulaski Lodge, N°. 216, to their By laws and are of opinion that the amendment which proposes to have two stated meetings in every month ought not to be approved as it can answer no beneficial purpose and is contrary to the present well established rules of the order in this state.

The second amendment there is no objection to.

The committee therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the amendment proposed by Lodge N°. 216 to the 9th section of their by Laws be approved but that the Grand Lodge do not approve the by law making two stated meetings in the month nor the addition proposed to the 12 section."

And on motion made and seconded,

The said report and resolution were adopted.

General Return for 1833 was received, read and ordered to be filed from Lodge N°. 81, held at Germantown, Philad^a. Co.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at twenty minutes past eight o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 2^d, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master, P. T.
"	R. Toland,	"	Dep. G. Master, "
"	C. Stout,	"	Senior G. Warden, "

Bro. J. W. Kelly, R. W. Junior G. Warden, P. T.
" C. Stevenson, " Grand Treasurer.
" J. M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" R. R. Moore, Senior Grand Deacon.
" F. Cooper, Junior Grand Deacon.
" J. S. Riley, Grand Marshal.
" W. Stephens, Grand Sword Bearer.
" A. Diamond, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Newcomb, R. W. P. Grand Master.
" R. Piggott, Grand Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty four Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting brethren were admitted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 3d March and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 7th April were severally read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

Annual communications for 1834 were received from the Grand Lodges of Florida and Mississippi, read and ordered to be filed.

Communications containing the names and signatures of the Grand officers were received from the Grand Lodges of Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi for 1834, read and ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Milford Lodge, No. 82, held at Milford, in answer to the Grand Secretary's Circular of the 20th March, 1833, read and referred to the committee of Finance.

On motion made and seconded,

It was Resolved,

That an address shall be delivered on St. John The Baptist's day (24th of June next) being the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the first lodge in Pennsylvania, in this Hall by a Brother selected for that purpose and that Bros. Nisbet, Moore, Stout, Riley, Cooper, Kelly and G. Smith together with The Grand officers be a committee to make the necessary

arrangements for the celebration for the memorable anniversary who shall report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The following Report from the Committee of Charity was read and laid on the table.

"That in compliance with their duty in the discharge of the trust confided to them, they herewith prefer statements shewing the receipts and disbursements of the monies received by them since last report, as also the present state of the funds, from which it will appear that the amount is (including balance of $119^{98}/_{100}$ as stated) $\$2044^{43}/_{100}$ of which am$^{t.}$ only $1500 are available, their being held by the committee 4 certificates of Masonic Gas Loan on which the interest has not been paid and a note signed by Victor Pepin and endorsed by the Grand Lodge for $100, the interest on which is also unpaid, making a sum of interest on said loan and not now due of near $500. The committee would again call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the propriety of funding the said amounts and issuing certificates of stocks bearing an interest of redeemable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge. The committee therefore respectfully refer the Grand Lodge to their report of the 17 December, 1832, and the resolution thereto attached.

Phil$^{a.,}$ May 30^{th,} 1834, A. L. 5834.

JOSEPH S. RILEY, Ch$^{r.}$
CHARLES STOUT.
JOHN W. KELLY.

State of Charity fund, May 30^{th,} 5834.

7	certificates	Masonic Loan	6 p. c.,	. . .	700.00
2	ditto	" "	5 "	. . .	200.00
4	ditto	Gas "	6 "	. . .	432.50
2	ditto	Penn$^{a.}$ St. Loan	5 "	. . .	600.00
Victor Pepins note,				. . . . .	100.00
					$2032.50

Receipts and disbursements from Febv. 27, 1832 to May 30th, 1834.

1833.		
May 13,	To cash paid J. L. Botts, ...	10.00
July 16,	" do. J. Cooper, ...	7.00
Dec. 27,	" do. 2 certificates Pennsa. St. Loan 5 p. c., ...	600.00
	To cash paid prem. and com. on do., . . .	31.57
	Balance, ...	11.93
		$660.50

1832.		
July 6,	By cash int. on Mas. Loan, ...	26.00
1833.		
June 17,	do. do., ...	26.00
Dec. 6,	do. do., ...	26.00
" 27,	do. S. and M. Allens note, ...	487.84
"	do. int. on do., ...	53.66
1834.		
Janv. 8,	Ditto P. State Loan, ...	12.50
Feb. 6,	ditto ditto, ...	2.50
" 27,	Ditto Masonic Loan	26.00
		$660.50
	Balance	11.93

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony to meet on the third Monday of June instant at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 16th, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" Robert Toland, " D. Grand Master, "
" Charles Stout, " S. Grand Warden, "
" John W. Kelly, " J. Grand Warden, "
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Edward Ewing, Dep. Grand Secretary.
" R. R. Moore, S. Grand Deacon.
" J. A. Phillips, J. Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Enos S. Gandy, Grand Pursuivant, "
Bros. Kittera and Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155 158, 186, 187, 168, 106, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty six Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at ten minutes past eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

Bro. Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master, from the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge Reported The following arrangements which were unanimously adopted:

"For the celebration of
St. John The Baptists Day 24th June, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Being the centennial anniversary of the establishment of The First Lodge in Pennsylvania of which Lodge Bro. Benjamin Franklin was The First Master.

The Grand Lodge will meet in the Grand Lodge Room on the morning of the 24th at 10 o'clock.

Such business as may be necessary will be transacted.

Brethren will be admitted until a quarter before 12 o'clock.

At 12 o'clock The Deputy Grand Master Bro. G. M. Dallas will commence his address to the Brethren he having agreed to perform that duty.

The Grand Secretary will give notice of these arrangements to the Masters of the Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia and they are requested to notify their members to attend.

The Grand Secretary is empowered to write such sojourning brethren and such other members of the fraternity, who do not at present belong to any lodge in the City and County, as he may deem proper.

Annual communication of 1834 from The Grand Lodge of Alabama with the names and signatures of their officers was received, Read and ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter before nine o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, June 24th, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

St. John The Baptist's Day, Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of the First Lodge in Pennsylvania of which Lodge Bro. Benjamin Franklin was the First Master.

Grand Officers.

Present:

Bro.	GEORGE M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Dep. Grand Master,	"
"	Charles Stout,	"	Senior Gr. Warden,	"
"	Jesse Conard,	"	Junior Gr. Warden,	"
"	John Y. Black,	"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	
"	Edward Ewing,	"	Dep. Gr. Secretary.	

Bro. Robinson R. Moore, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Francis Cooper, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Joseph S. Riley, Grand Marshal.
" William Stephen, Grand Sword Bearer.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Wiley Peck, Grand Chaplain, P. T.
Bros. Randall, Kittera, Nisbet, R. W. P. Gr. Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 81, 91, 102, 115, 121, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 21, 113, 168, 172, 174, 195, 197, 201 and 203 represented.

Thirty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 10 minutes past Ten o'clock in the morning.

A number of visiting Brethren were admitted and the number amounting to more than three hundred it was found impossible to collect and record all their names with accuracy.

The decease of their Brother and Fellow Member, General Lafayette, having been announced to the Grand Lodge,

On motion made and seconded, The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have learned with the deepest emotions of sorrow, the decease of their illustrious Brother and Member, General Lafayette, "an individual so much distinguished by all the virtues which ennoble the masonic character," and Whereas the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania feel it a mournful duty to pay the last tribute of their respect to the memory of a Brother, the last Major General of the Revolutionary Army, the disciple of Washington, the companion of Franklin, and the steadfast friend of civil and religious liberty,

Therefore Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania deeply deplore the loss of their revered and beloved Brother and Member, General Lafayette, whose labours in the cause of American Independence, and of rational liberty and ardent devotion to the Fraternity, have endeared his memory to every Member of this venerable order.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sympathize most sincerely with the amiable family of their deceased Brother, in the irreparable bereavement they have sustained, in the death of their excellent father.

Resolved, That as an humble testimonial of our respect for the memory of our deceased Brother, the Jewels, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be placed in mourning for the space of twelve months.

Resolved, That a correct Portrait of our deceased brother be procured, and placed in a conspicuous part of the Grand Lodge Room.

Resolved, That Brothers George M. Dallas, Thomas Kittera, Robert Toland, Cornelius Stevenson, and John M. Read, be a Committee to communicate the foregoing Resolutions to the family of Brother General Lafayette.

Resolved, That the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be published in the public journals of the day.

The Grand Lodge having closed the Fraternity proceeded to the Saloon where they were gratified by hearing a very beautiful and instructive masonic address from Bro. George M. Dallas, R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was again opened when upon motion made and seconded, it was unanimously Resolved,

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Dallas for his truly masonic and admirable address delivered this day and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication.

The following is an

Extract from the very eloquent Address delivered before the Fraternity, on this day, by Brother George M. Dallas, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

"I would close here, did I not feel that the commemorative purpose of the day may for a moment, be with propriety interrupted by a reference to the recent departure of our illustrious friend and brother, Gilbert Motier De Lafayette. This truly good and eminently great man died suddenly, at the Capital of his European Country, and in the bosom of his family, on the morning of the 20th of May last, and in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

"It will be recollected by some whom I address, that on the 2d of October, 1824, General Lafayette, then the Guest of a Nation to whose service he had dedicated his early enthusiasm, fortune and blood, was, in that chamber, invested with all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand

Lodge "a body," to use his own emphatic words, "of which Franklin was the father, and Washington the associate."

"Both hemispheres were alike the theatre of the virtues and exploits of this exalted mason. In both he passed, unscathed in honour, through the ordeal of sanguinary revolution, in both he shone the firm, faithful and fearless champion of human liberties and rights, in both he riveted himself, by the loftiest and the gentlest qualities, in universal respect and affection, and in both, his death is now sincerely mourned as a common calamity. In the memory, as in the life of their joint citizen and soldier, America and France have a lasting bond of sympathy and union. In this respect, as the moral link to connect two distant and powerful nations in mutual good will, his position on the records of immortality is without parallel.

"While we join in the sad and solemn rites every where performing by our countrymen, in melancholy attestation of their deep veneration and undying gratitude for an early and indefatigable public benefactor, we cannot but own one added pang, though accompanied by one peculiar pride as kindling memory suggests that he also was a Mason."

The following Report was received from the Committee of Finance and read.

"That upon a full examination of the matters referred to them they are of opinion that it is the most proper course to invest the R. W. Grand Master with authority to act in the matter as he may deem expedient they therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Letter received from Bro. R. Moderwell, Secretary of Lodge N°. 43, held at Lancaster, and dated Feb. 28th, 1834, together with the accompanying documents be referred to the R. W. Gr. Master with power to act in said matter as he may deem most for the interest of the order.

And upon motion made and seconded,

The said Resolution was adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at twenty five minutes before two o'clock in the afternoon.

John M. Read,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 1, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" Robert Toland, " Dep. Grand Master, "
" R. B. Arey, " Senior Grand Warden, "
" William Baker, " Junior Grand Warden, "
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Grand Treasurer.
" John M. Read, " Grand Secretary.
" Robinson R. Moore, Senior Grand Deacon.
Junior Grand Deacon.
" Joseph S. Riley, Grand Marshal.
" William Stephens, Grand Sword Bearer.
" John Thomson, Grand Pursuivant.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 186, 187, 211, 106, 201 and 203 represented.

Twenty one Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at thirty five minutes past seven o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 2d June last and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 16th June last and of the extra Grand Communication of the 24th of the same month were severally read and on motion made and seconded, adopted.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

Annual Communications for 1834 were received from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire,
Rhode Island,
New York, and
Maryland, read and ordered to be filed.

The following Resolution was moved by R. W. P. Grand Master Bro. Michael Nisbet and seconded by Bro. William B. Watson and ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges of the City and County of Philadelphia and such other subor-

dinate Lodges as are so disposed will go in procession on the 27th December next (being St. John The Evangelist's day) to a place of Worship in the City in full procession, there to have an oration from the R. W. Grand Master and a sermon and other religious services performed in accordance with Masonic usage.

Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at ten minutes past eight o'clock to meet on Monday the 15th instant at seven o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 15th, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	ROBERT TOLAND,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Senior Grand Warden,	"
"	John W. Kelly,	"	Junior Grand Warden,	"
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grand Treasurer.	
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.	
"	William Baker, Senior G. Deacon, P. T.			
"	J. W. McGrath, Junior G. Deacon, "			
"	Joseph S. Riley, Grand Marshal.			
"	George S. Schott, Gr. Sword Bearer.			
"	David Nathans, Gr. Pursuivant.			
"	Edward Ewing, Deputy Grand Secretary.			
"	Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master.			

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 126, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 201, 203 and 106 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in form at twenty minutes before eight o'clock in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, a number of visiting Brethren were admitted.

The Resolution offered at the Last meeting of the Grand Lodge relative to a masonic Procession being under considera-

tion, it was amended by striking out "27th December next (being St. John The Evangelists day)" and inserting "24th June next (being John the Baptist's day)" and the Question being put on the Resolution as amended it was adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at a quarter before nine o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 1st, A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN STEELE,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	George M. Dallas,	"	Dep. Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grand Treasurer, P. T.
"	John M. Read,	"	Grand Secretary.

" Edward Ewing, Dep. Grand Secretary.
" John Y. Black, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Francis Cooper, Junior Gr. Deacon.
" Joseph S. Riley, Grand Marshal.
" Enos S. Gandy, Gr. Sw. Bearer, P. T.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Bradford, S. Badger, Nisbet, Newcomb, Randall, R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 81, 91, 102, 114, 115, 121, 123, 125, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 21, 106, 113, 151, 152, 168, 172, 174, 195, 197, 201 and 203 represented.

Thirty eight Lodges being represented The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at twenty minutes before seven o'clock in the evening.

The minutes of the first and fifteenth of September last were read and adopted.

This being the evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the annual election of officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for them when it appeared that the following Brethren (Bros. Steele, Stevenson and Read

having declined a reelection to their respective stations) were duly elected:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John M. Read,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Secretary.

Brothers Freeman, Read and Cooper, The committee appointed on the 27 December, (St. Johns Day) 1832, to wait on Bro. Michael Nisbet, R. W. Past Grand Master, with a copy of the unanimous vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of that date for his able services as the Presiding officer of our venerable institution,

Reported That they had performed the duty assigned to them and that Bro. Nisbet expressed himself highly gratified with this unequivocal mark of the approbation and esteem of The Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony five minutes before Ten o'clock in the evening.

JOHN M. READ,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, December 27th A. L. 5834, A. D. 1834.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	GEORGE M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master,	P. T.
"	Tristram B. Freeman,	"	Dep^y. Grand Master,	"
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senr. Grand Warden,	"
"	John M. Read,	"	Junr. Grand Warden,	"
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grand Treasurer,	"
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grand Secretary,	"

" John Thomson, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" George S. Schott, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" William Stephens, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Joseph S. Riley, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Samuel F. Bradford, R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 67, 71, 91, 115, 121, 130, 131, 134, 135, 211, 21, 197, 106 and 203 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in due form at half Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 1st December Inst. as relates to the Election of officers being Read, and all the Officers being Present, they were Severally Installed into their respective offices and being duly Proclaimed received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	"	Dep. Gr. Master.
"	Robert Toland,	"	Senr. Gr. Warden.
"	John M. Read,	"	Junr. Gr. Warden.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Gr. Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Gr. Secretary.

The Petition of the Officers of Lodge No. 52, having been Read, Setting forth that Some Votes were given for Senr. Warden, Junr. Warden, Treasurer and Secretary at their Annual Election for Officers which were Illegal, and Praying that the Lodge might be permitted to have another Election for their Officers.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that leave be and it is hereby granted to Lodge No. 52, to hold an Election for the offices of Senr. Warden, Junr. Warden, Treasurer and Secretary, and that the Names of the Brethren then Elected be Reported to this Grand Lodge.

General Returns for 1834 from the following Lodges were Received and Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 9, Philadelphia. J—— C——, P. McD——, A—— McC——, J—— G——, J—— K——, H—— H. R——, T—— W——, P—— H——, G—— C——, T—— G——, E—— C. S——, J—— B——, J—— S——, J—— H——, J. S. S——, A—— D——, S. N. P. D.

No. 71, " H—— H. A——, I—— S. C——, J—— C. D——, S—— Y——, S. N. P. D.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at half Past Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, February 2nd, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro. GEORGE M. DALLAS, R.W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Dep. Grand Master.
" Robt. Toland, " Senr. Grand Warden.
" Chas. Stout, " Junr. Grand Warden, P.T.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Joseph S. Riley, Senr. Gr. Deacon.
" Wm. Stephens, Junr. Gr. Deacon.
" Geo. S. Schott, Gr. Sword Bearer.
" Fras. Cooper, Gr. Marshal.
" Danl. Deal, Gr. Pursuivant.

Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21 and 197 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Visitors were admitted.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to announce the following Appointments:

Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" William Stephens, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" Revd. G. C. Potts, } Grand Chaplains.
" Revd. W. E. Ashton, } Grand Chaplains.
" Revd. Robt. Piggott, } Grand Chaplains.
" Revd. W. T. Sprole, } Grand Chaplains.
" Thos. Amies, } Grand Stewards.
" Robt. Desilver, } Grand Stewards.
" George S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" David Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.
" Charles Schneider, Grand Tyler.

Superintendent of the Hall and Gas.
Bro. John Y. Black.

Grand Committees, Viz:

Committee of Correspondence.
Bro. Saml. H. Perkins, Jesse R. Burden, Ja^s. M. Broom.

Committee to revise the By Laws of Subordinate Lodges.
Bro. Saml. M. Stewart, Saml. Davis, N. Fowle.

Committee to Examine the Transactions of the last year and Report for Publication.
Bro. David C. Skerrett, C. Esenwein, W^m. B. Watson.

Committee of Finance.
Bro. S. Wonderly, Enos S. Gandy, J. W. Dickson, J. R. Chandler, John Thomson.

Committee of Charity.
Bro. C. Stout, S. Webb, N°. 3, A. Davis, A. L. Bradford, W. Mayweg.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Kingsberry, of Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.
Bro. Nathaniel W. Sample, Junr. of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.
Bro. Sampson S. King of Gettysburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Adams.
Bro. Francis B. Nichols of Schuylkill County, for the County of Schuylkill.
Bro. George M. Keim of Reading, Berks County, for the County of Berks.
Bro. James Kelton of New London Cross Roads, Chester County, for the Counties of Chester and Delaware.
Bro. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, Lycoming County, for the Counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Bro. Stephen Barlow of Meadville, Crawford County, for the Counties of Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango.

Bro. Walter S. Franklin of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

Bro. Thomas H. Baird of Washington County, for the Counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton County, for the Counties of Pike and Lehigh.

The R. W. Grand Secretary Nominated Bro. Edward Ewing as Deputy Grand Secretary, which nomination was Unanimously approved.

A Petition was Received and Read from Lodge No. 201, held at Mauch Chunk, praying for leave to dispense with the Labours and Meetings of the Lodge for Twelve Months, which Petition, on Motion and Seconded, was referred to Bros. Joseph S. Riley, John Pearce and Robinson R. Moore.

General Returns for 1834 from the following Lodges were Received, Read and ordered to be filed:

No. 51, Philadelphia. H—— S. W——, Expelled for Unmasonic Conduct. W—— M——, Junr. J—— H——, J—— B——, E—— B—— and J—— W. B——, Expelled for N. P. D.

No. 81, Germantown.

No. 125, Philadelphia. P—— W——, A—— G——, W—— F——, Ex. N. P. D.

No. 155, Philadelphia.

No. 201, Mauch Chunk.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

So much of the Minutes of the 1st and 15th September last as relates to a Masonic Procession having been Read, it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Masters of the Several Lodges be a Committee to Assist the Grand Officers in Carrying the Same into effect.

The following Resolution was Moved by Bro. E. S. Gandy and Seconded by Bro. John Pearce:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to Report to the Grand Lodge, all Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia who have failed to make their Annual Returns for more than One Year.

The following Resolution was Moved by Bro. John Pearce and Seconded by Bro. Wm. B. Watson, and Ordered to lay over until Next Meeting, Viz:

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of Improving the Lot in front of the Hall with Such Buildings as may make it profitable to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at half Past Eight o'clock in the Evening to Meet the Third Monday of the Present Month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, February 16th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master, P. T.
"	Robt. Toland,	"	Dep. Gr. Master, P. T.
"	Chas. Stout,	"	Senr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
"	Geo. S. Schott,	"	Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
"		"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Wm. B. Watson, Senr. Grd. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Allison, Junr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Grand Sword Bearer.		
"	Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 51, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 130, 131, 158, 186 and 187, represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

A Petition was received and Read from a Committee appointed by Lodge No. 72, praying for Relief from a Debt now due and owing from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

Which Petition was on Motion made and Seconded, Referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Petition was Received and Read from a Committee ap-

pointed by Lodge N°. 187 praying for Relief from a debt due and owing from Said Lodge to the Grand Lodge up to the End of the year 1833, and Stating their ability to pay their dues for the Past Year.

Which Petition was on Motion made and Seconded, Referred to the Committee of Finance.

The following Resolution was Read and on Motion made and Seconded was

Resolved, that a Committee of Six Members be appointed to Confer with any Committee that may be appointed by the City Councils on the Subject of Lighting the City with Gas.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint as the Above Committee Bro^s. Kittera, Toland, C. Stout, J. Y. Black, Pierce and Perkins.

General Returns from the following Lodges for 1834 were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 3, Philadelphia. F—— B——, S. N. P. D.
" 59, do. J—— S——, T—— M. T——, T—— P. L——, N—— D—— and W—— T——, E. N. P. D.
" 67, do.
" 72, do. T. L. B——, H. W——, M—— S——, R—— A——, R—— P—— S——, S—— R. L——, J—— S——, W—— B——, J—— S——, E. N. P. D.
" 158, do. J—— H——, M. J. D—— F——, J—— H——, A—— R——, S—— J——, J—— W. S——, G—— E—— M——, J—— R——, G. C. B——, W—— W——, J—— B. S——, E. W. B—— and M. W. T——, S. N. P. D.
" 186, do. S—— M. W——, W—— W. W——, J—— F——, S—— M^cC——, S. N. P. D.
" 187, do. A—— C——, Junr. Ex. for embezzling the funds of the Lodge $34.50. W—— H—— Y—— and C—— R. S——, E. N. P. D.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mauch Chunk Lodge, N°. 201, made the following Report with the Resolutions thereunto attached, which on Motion made and Seconded, were adopted and the Committee Discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee to whom the Petition of Mauch Chunk Lodge, N°. 201, was referred, Praying for leave to dispense with the Labors and Meetings of the Lodge for Twelve Months, beg leave to

Report, that they have Carefully Considered the Subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, Viz:

Resolved,

That Mauch Chunk Lodge, N°. 201, be permitted to dispense with the Labours and Meetings of the Said Lodge for One Year from St. Johns Day last and that the Lodge be exempt from Grand Lodge Dues for the Present Year.

Resolved,

That John Leiseming the present Worshipful Master of Mauch Chunk Lodge, being personally known to the Chairman of this Committee, who vouches for his being a man of good reputation, and ample responsibility, Be and he is hereby Authorized and directed to take Charge of the Furniture, Jewels, &c., of Said Lodge, and make out a Compleate Inventory thereof and forward the same to the Grand Secretary, and that the Grand Lodge hold him responsible for the Same, in the event of the Said Lodge not resuming her Labors at the Termination of the dispensation hereby granted.

Resolved,

That the Committee be discharged from the further Consideration of the Subject.

Signed. JOSEPH S. RILEY.
JOHN PEARCE.
R. R. MOORE.

Philad^a., Feby. 16th, 1835 A. D., 5835 A. L.

The Resolution of Bro. Pearce, relative to Improving the Lot in front of the Hall was taken up and laid over until next Grand Quarterly Communication.

The following Letter was Received and Read and on Motion made and Seconded, was referred to the Grand Officers.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance regret that it is not in their Power to present to the Grand Lodge a Statement of the Accounts

for the Past Year, not having received any Accounts from the late Grand Secretary during that time, nor can they place before the Grand Lodge an estimated Statement for the Receipts of the present year until they Receive the Accounts.

Respectfully Y^rs.,

Signed. S. WONDERLY, Chairman.

Philad^a., Feby. 16th, 1835.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Twenty five Minutes before Eight o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
G^rd. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 2nd, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	GE^o. M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Robt. Toland,	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John M. Read,	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Joseph S. Riley,	"	Senr. Deacon.
"	Chalkley Baker,	"	Junr. Deacon, P. T.
"	George S. Schott,	"	Sword Bearer.
		"	Marshal.
"	W^m. S. Simmons,	"	Pursuivant, P. T.
	P. Grand Master Kittera.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 168, 186, 187, 211, 100, 21, 197, 203, 201 and 216 represented.

Thirty Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Visitors were admitted.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 27th December last, and of the Extra Grand Communication

of the 2nd February and of the adjourned Extra Grand Communication of the 16th February were Severally Read, and on Motion made and Seconded, were adopted.

The Resolution offered by Bro. Pearce at the Extra Grand Communication of the 2nd February was then taken up, and on Motion of Bro. V. L. Bradford and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Resolution of Bro. Pearce be referred to a Grand Committee of Twenty One Members in connexion with the Grand Officers, with Instructions to enquire into and Report in their Opinion the most feasible course to be pursued by this Grand Lodge in the present State of their pecuniary Concerns. That Seven of said Committee Constitute a Quorum of the same with power further to enquire into the State and Condition of the Girard Legacy.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee, Viz: from Lodge No. 2, Bro. Joseph Burden; No. 3, R. Desilver; No. 9, W. B. Watson; No. 51, Jas. Gowen; No. 52, G. W. Jones; No. 59, John Scott, No. 67, Chas. Stout; No. 71, J. A. Phillips, No. 72, G. Willig; No. 91, V. L. Bradford; No. 114, J. W. Dickson; No. 115, B. Newcomb; No. 121, Saml. Davis; No. 125, T. Buhler; No. 130, S. Wonderly; No. 131, R. B. Arey; No. 155, Edwin T. Scott; No. 158, A. Mason; No. 186, J. R. Helmbold; No. 187, John Collins; No. 211, A. Quinton.

On Motion of Bro. P. G. Master Kittera and Seconded, the following Resolution was Read and ordered to lie over until the next Meeting.

Resolved,

That the Procession of the Grand Lodge heretofore Ordered for the 24th day of June Next be postponed until the Occasion of Removing the remains of our Deceased Brother and Benefactor *Stephen Girard* for Interment under the Roof of the College erecting in obedience to his Will.

The Following Letter was Received and Read, Viz:

George M. Dallas,

Grand Master of the G. L. of Penna.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Circumstances beyond my Control oblige me respectfully to resign the Duty of Deputy Grand Master of this District.

Permit me nevertheless to suggest the Name of Danl. Herr, as a Brother who will fill the Station with Dignity to himself, regard to his Principle and Honor to the Craft.

Respectfully,

Signed. GEORGE M. KEIM.

Reading, February 2nd, 1835.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint Bro. Daniel Herr, as District Deputy Grand Master for the County of Berks, in the Room of Bro. George M. Keim, Resigned.

General Returns for 1834 from the following Lodges were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 2, Philadelphia. R—— M. B——, Ex. U. M. C. S—— M. C——, J—— J. H——, C—— C——, J—— H. S——, J—— B——, J—— P——, W—— B. W——, E—— H——, J—— F——, R—— S——, E. N. P. D.

N°. 114, Philadelphia. Simon Gleason, Readmitted. J. S——, S. N. P. D.

N°. 190, Norristown.

N°. 136, Abbington Township, Montgomery C^o. for 1829.

do. for 1830. J—— R, ... S. N. P. D.

do. for 1831.

do. for 1832.

do. for 1833.

do. for 1834. J—— M^cC——, S—— L—— and J—— C——, S. N. P. D.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at half Past 10 o'clock to Meet again on the third Monday of the Present Month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 16th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Deputy Gr. Master.
" Robt. Toland, " Senr. Gr. Warden.
" John M. Read, " Junr. Gr. Warden.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Josh. S. Riley, " Senr. Deacon.
" Wm. Stephens, " Junr. Deacon.
" Geo. S. Schott, " Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, " Marshal.
" David Nathans, " Pursuivant.

Past Grand Master, Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 168, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21, 197, 203, 201 and 216 represented.

Thirty Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded a Number of Visitors were admitted.

The following Report from the Committee of Charity was Received and Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

The Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge begs leave to present an Account of the Fund Committed to the Care of said Committee up to the 27th February last, embracing a Period of One Year.

Receipts and Disbursements from Feby. 27th, 1834, to Feby. 27th, 1835.

Receipts.

1834.			
May	30th	To Cash in Treasurers hands, . .	11.93
April	2d	To do. Interest on Penna. Loans 6Mos.,	15.00
Nov.	6th	To do. 6 Mos. Int. on 5 and 6 per ct. Masonic Loans, ...	26.00
1835.			
Feb.	3d	To do. 6 Mos. Int. on 5 and 6 per ct. ditto, ...	26.00
	"	To do. 6 Mos. Int. on Penna. Loan, .	15.00
			$93.93

Disbursements.

1834.		
Nov^r.	6th By Cash deposited in Saving Fund, ...	52.93
1835.		
Feb^y.	5th By do. do. in ditto, .	41.00
		$93.93

Present State of the Fund.

7 Certificates Masonic 6 per Cent Loan, . .	700.00
2 do. do. 5 " " do., . .	200.00
2 do. Penn^a. 5 " " State Loan, .	600.00
4 do. Gas Loan, Interest not Included, .	432.50
V. Pepins Note dated Feby. 21st, 1832 at 6 per Cent guaranteed by the Grand Lodge, In^t. not Included, ...	100.00
Cash deposited in Savings Fund, . . .	93.93
	$2126.43
The Investments and Cash on hand 27th Feb^y., 1834 was	2044.43
Shewing an Increase of the Fund of, . .	$82.00

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) CHA^s. STOUT, Ch^n. of the Com.

March 16th, 1835.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance and the Accompanying Documents were read and ordered to be filed, and on Motion made and Seconded, the Resolutions thereunto attached were severally adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Finance are enabled at length to present the account of the four Quarters of the year 1834 together with the aggregate of the Account of the whole year; accompanying these is an Estimate of the Receipts and expenditures for the year 1835, and that no Error founded thereupon may Occur in the action of the Grand Lodge, it is deemed Proper

to say that the Receipts are estimated at the highest and the expenditures at the lowest possible Computation; and by this rate of Calculation it will be perceived that there will be a deficiency at the End of the Year 1835 of Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars.

The Committee have observed with Pain and Mortification that their regular Annunciation of the alarming facts, that for several years the Expenses of the Grand Lodge have considerably exceeded their Income has not led to a Correction of the evil. During last year, 1834, the Receipts of the Grand Lodge from the Hall greatly exceeded those of former years. Yet with all this extraordinary Income, there is a deficiency of more than Fifteen Hundred Dollars. That is, the actual expenses of the Institution, counting dues on Interest and the Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler actually exceeded all the Income by that Amount, with that appalling Circumstance in View and the Strong probability that the present and future years will not afford an equal Income for the Hall. Your Committee are also constrained to advert to the financial difficulties of a large number of Subordinate Lodges which, whatever may be the Zeal of their Members, for the honor and Support of the Craft, cannot be supposed to rise Under the Burthens of Debt that now weigh them down. Still less to sustain continued or Increased Taxation, Members who would willingly devote a due portion of time and a moderate degree of their earnings to the Good of the Cause, now withdraw from a responsibility that threatens to Interfere with their higher obligations to their own Families.

While many Members of the Grand Lodge are Content to mark its existence and to desire its prosperity, your Committee have felt it a Solemn Duty carefully to Enquire into and freely to expose the financial Difficulties of the Institution and in addition to their Statement of present embarrassments to add the expression of their Solemn Conviction that in a few years, the Interest upon the existing Debt and the difference between the Actual expenditures and Receipts of the Grand Lodge will so Increase the Debt that the Property of the Institution will be in Eminent Jeopardy.

The Interest of the Debt must be Paid, and the General Expenses of the Grand Lodge can Scarcely be diminished, while

to any observer of the Signs of the Times, it must be obvious, that the revenue will be Considerably lessened. The tendency of this course is towards Bankruptcy and Dissolution, Strengthened by the Certainty not previously adverted to, Viz: that in about 5 Years the Law exempting our Real Estate from Taxation will expire and we can scarcely entertain a Hope of its renewal.

Your Committee are aware that Brethren have Suggested as an expediency of Profit, the Erection of Buildings in Front of the Hall. Something indeed might be added to the revenue by such a Measure, but the Debt would also be greatly Increased, while it is evident to the Committee that the deficiency in the Revenue would not be supplied as soon as Taxation upon all the Buildings Commenced, and your Committee respectfully but earnestly caution the Grand Lodge against any further Building Speculations. Your Committee have not confined their Enquiries to the extent of existing difficulties, or the impracticability of Certain Plans of Removing the embarrassments, but have felt it a part of their Duty to Suggest to the Grand Lodge a means of escape from the evils which threaten it, and they respectfully offer for Consideration a Plan which if not the only efficient one, is in their opinion the best that in present Circumstances can be devised; it is as follows:

Sell the Estate, Pay the Debts and from the Balance Purchase a Hall amply large for all the purposes of Masonry and the remainder will be a Fund for Charity the True object of our order.

The Particulars of the Plan Suggested are as follows, Viz: The Lot and Hall is Worth from $105 to 115.000 Dollars,

say	110.000	
Sinking Fund, ...	5.635	
		115.635
Debt due by Grand Lodge, ...	66.000	
Purchase of New Property, . .	23.000	
Repairs and Alterations necessary to New Property at the extent not more than, ...	66.35	
		95.635
	Dollars,	20.000

This leaving a Fund of Twenty thousand Dollars to be applied to Charitable Purposes, or in the ordinary Expenses of the Grand Lodge and this without reference to the usual incomes of Rent if any, and the Dues of Subordinate Lodges.

The Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars left to the Grand Lodge by our late Worthy Brother Girard will soon Amount to Thirty Thousand by the Regular addition of Interest to the principal, when that too will become a Charity Fund, nor is your Committee satisfied that the General Charity Fund may not be applied to swell that Sum Immediately to the required Amount.

Your Committee have referred to the Cost of another Hall as being about $23,000. They have not spoken without due Enquiry. A Building eligibly situated of Sufficient Capacity for all the Masonic Bodies in the City, they have reason to believe, may be had for that Sum and $6635 more will be required to prepare the Interior for the particular Convenience of Masonry.

Your Committee in the above Estimates of the Value of the Property of the Grand Lodge did not take into account the Policy of Insurance on the Present Building $1500, which can be converted into Cash by allowing 5 pr. Cent., . 1425.00
Present Charity Fund about, ... 2000.00

making three thousand, four Hundred and Twenty five Dollars and they have also overlooked the Amount which may be due from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee have Carefully set before the Grand Lodge the present state of its Financial Affairs and the prospects under existing regulations. They have also proposed an efficient remedy for existing difficulties and a prevention of Future similar troubles. The situation of the Grand Lodge is alarming to every Friend of the Order and Ruin to the Craft seems to be inevitable if no Remedy is adopted. The Plan which your Committee proposes, relinquishes none of the high Standing of the order; it frees us from Debt, furnishes us with a Beautiful Building, releases the Subordinate Lodges from existing enthralment and future heavy taxation, encourages the Craft in regular attendance, insures Prosperity by opening the Door to Membership, renews the affection and fealty of Country Lodges

to the Grand Lodge, Gives to each Lodge a Means of Charity and Places at the disposal of the Grand Lodge a Magnificent Sum from the Interest of which, the Wants of a distressed Worthy Brother, his Widow or his Orphans may be Amply Supplied and thus the great object of our order be fully attained.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. WONDERLY.
JOS^H. R. CHANDLER.
S. M. STEWART.
J. W. DICKSON.

Philad^a., March 11th, 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the 1st Quarter ending the 31st March, 1834.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues rec^d. from City and County,		788.77	
Lower Rooms rec^d. for Rent, . .		756.41	
Gas Establishment " Gas, . .		65.56	
Dispensations rec^d. from Gr. Sec^y., .		25.00	
Certificates, ...		12.00	
Ahiman Rezon, ...		1.50	
			1649.24

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .		1090.50	
Gr. Secretary for Salary, .	125.00		
As Sect^y. to Trustees M. L.	37.50		
Allowance for Stationery,	37.50		
		200.00	
Gr. Tyler for Salary and Tyling, . .		43.50	
Hall " Sundry Expenses, . .		202.04	
Gas " " " . .		74.14	
Superintendent for Salary, . .		75.	
			1685.18
Expenses exceeding receipts,			$35.94

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

S. WONDERLY, Ch^r.
JOS^H. R. CHANDLER.
S. M. STEWART, Sect.

Philad^a., March 11th, 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the 2nd Quarter Ending the 30th June, 1834.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	120.00		
Elsewhere, .	31.00		
		151.00	
Lower Rooms recd. for Rent, . .		725.92	
Gas, " for Gas, . .		150.00	
Dispensations " . . .		10.00	
Certificates. " . . .		6.00	
			1042.92

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...			50.00
Gr. Secretary for Salary, .	125.00		
As Secty. to Trustees M. L.,	37.50		
Allowance for Stationary,	37.50		
		200.00	
Gr. Tyler for Salary and Tyling, .		51.12	
Hall " Expenses, . . .		157.03	
Gas " " . . .		194.97	
Superintendent for Salary, . .		75.00	
			728.12
Receipts exceeding Expenditures,			$314.80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. S. Wonderly, Chr.
Josh. R. Chandler.
S. M. Stewart, Sect.

Philada., March 11th, 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the 3rd Quarter ending the 30th September, 1834.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	233.00	
Elsewhere,	50.00	
Lower Rooms rec^d. for Rent,	185.19	
Gas " " Gas,	38.22	
Certificates,	6.00	
		512.41

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders,	917.50	
Gr. Sec^y. on % Salary,	100.	
Gr. Tyler for Salary and Tyling,	43.50	
Superintendent, " "	75.00	
Hall Expenses,	103.89	
Gas "	82.19	
		$1322.08
Expenditures exceeding Receipts,		809.67

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. WONDERLY, Ch^r.
JOS^H. R. CHANDLER.
Philad^a., March 11th, 1835. S. M. STEWART, Sect^y.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the 4th Quarter Ending December 27th, 1834.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	331.00	
Lower Rooms, rec^d. for Rent,	1014.91	
Gas " " Gas,	286.54	
Certificates,	4.00	
		1636.45

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	127.00	
Hall for Expenses,	250.47	
Gas for Expenses,	63.90	
Superintendent for Salary,	75.00	
		$516.37
Receipts exceeding Expenditures,		1120.08

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) S. WONDERLY, Ch^r.
JOS^H. R. CHANDLER.
Philad^a., March 11th, 1835. S. M. STEWART, Sect.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance Respectfully Report an Abstract of the Receipts and Payments for the Year 1834.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	1472.77	
Elsewhere,	81.00	
Lower Rooms, Rec$^{d.}$ for Rent,	2682.43	
Gas Establishment " Gas,	540.32	
Dispensations,	35.00	
Certificates,	28.00	
Ahiman Rezon,	1.50	
		$4841.02

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders on %,	2185.00	
Gr. Secretary on % Salary,	500.00	
Gr. Tyler " " "	138.12	
Superintendent, "	300.00	
Hall for Expenses,	713.43	
Gas Establishment for Expenses,	415.20	
		$4251.75
Receipts exceeding Expenditures,		589.27

There is due to Stockholders,	1160.00
to Gr. Secretary,	300.00
to Gr. Tyler,	45.00

making Fifteen Hundred and Five Dollars, from which deduct the above Amount of Five Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars and Twenty Seven Cents, leaves Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Seventy three Cents yet due and Unpaid, after Using up all the Receipts for the Year 1834. One of the most profitable years for a great length of time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. S. Wonderly, Ch$^{r.}$
Jos$^{H.}$ R. Chandler.
S. M. Stewart, Sect$^{y.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ March 11^{th,} 1835.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully present an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Payments for the Year 1835.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County and Elsewhere,	1600.00	
Rent of Lower Rooms,	2500.00	
Gas,	500.00	
Dispensations,	50.00	
Certificates,	30.00	
Ahiman Rezon,	3.00	
		4683.00

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	3345.00	
Gr. Secretary, for Salary and Allowance,	800.00	
Gr. Tyler, " " "	175.00	
Superintendent, "	300.00	
Hall " Sundry Expenses,	600.00	
Gas, " " "	400.00	
		5620.00
		$937.00

From the above estimate of Receipts and Payments for the Present Year, altho your Committee feel Confident that the estimated receipts will not fall Short of the Actual Receipts and the Great probability of the Actual Expenses exceeding the estimated Amount it will appear that the Expenses will exceed the Receipts at least Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) S. Wonderly, Chr.
Josh. R. Chandler.
S. T. Stewart, Secty.

Philadelphia, March 11th, 1835.

The following Report from the Grand Committee of Twenty One was Read with the Accompanying Documents and on Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved,

That, it and the Report of the Committee of Finance with the Documents Accompanying each be Printed and a Copy of each be furnished to every Member of the Grand Lodge and to each Lodge within the City and County of Philadelphia.

To the Right Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Twenty One Appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication to take into Consideration and Report the most feasible means of relieving the pecuniary Concerns of the Grand Lodge, respectfully make Report as follows:

Having assembled early after their appointment the Committee Caused to be prepared a Comprehensive and distinct Statement of the Property, the Debts, the Resources, and the Expenditures of the Grand Lodge together with a View of the Condition of the Girard Legacy, this Document is herewith Communicated.

It would appear that the Property of the Grand Lodge of every description, real and Personal, may be reasonably estimated at	$131.362.50
that the funded and Miscellaneous Debts actually amount to	66.258.83
leaving an excess of estimated Property of . .	$65.103.67
This, as available Property, is of course exclusive of the Trust Property of the Grand Lodge applicable only to fixed and special purposes, to wit, The Charity Fund, and the Girard Legacy, and the Trust Property being added, .	23.398.26
Swells the aggregate excess of Property over Indebtedness to, ...	$88.501.93

This excess of substantial Capital contrasts most Unfavorably with the Annual resources and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge, and exhibits a large Investment in Real Estate worse than wholly unproductive.

The estimated annual Payments of the G. L. are, .	5.995.52
And the estimated Receipts applicable to their Payments are, ...	4.683.00
Shewing (notwithstanding the excess of Property over Debt) an annual deficiency of, . . .	$1.312.52

This waste of Capital and this regular annual deficiency seem to your Committee alike Unwise and Perilous. If allowed to operate a few years longer, the Mischief may become Irremediable, and any diminution in the present value of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge arising from Public or Accidental Causes, would hasten a most embarrassing and disgraceful, if not fatal Catastrophe, to the Financial Concerns and Character of the Order. While we have it yet in our Power it would seem to be our Duty to bring our excess of Property into active Usefulness, to prevent the possibility of our Annually Sinking deeper and deeper in Debt, and to place the Paramount objects of Masonic Charity, Justice and Integrity beyond all Hazard, difficulty or Doubt.

Under these impressions, your Committee have reviewed certain Projects for Financial relief which have heretofore been Suggested.

1st. It is thought by some that the Revenues of the Grand Lodge might be considerably augmented if Stores or other Buildings fit to be Rented out were erected on the Lot in front of the Hall.

To carry this Plan into execution, it would be necessary to Borrow a Considerable Sum of Money, and any additional Debt would seem Imprudent. The expedient might fail, the Income from the newly Constructed Buildings might fall short of what would seem just now to be reasonably expected. The erection of these Buildings in Front would probably Injuriously affect the occupation and receipts of the Hall itself. The Sum expended on them would add little or nothing to the Value of the entire Property in case a Sale should be ultimately determined upon.

If it be Calmly remembered that the act of assembly exempting this Hall from Taxation will expire in less than Five Years and that an annual demand not less than $1000 will then be added to our present expenses, that to the existing amount of Annual deficiency will be superadded the Interest on the Sum to be Borrowed for the Construction of the proposed Buildings and that their productiveness would be Subject to the usual uncertainties of Rents and other Contingents; it is believed that the Fraternity will generally Coincide with the

Committee in rejecting the Project as Inexpedient and Hazardous.

2d. The Sale of the Real Estate occupied by the Grand Lodge and the Purchase of another Lot and Edifice much less expensive, is the only other Plan which has been presented to the consideration of the Committee and this they are inclined to believe may be most advantageously and usefully Carried into Execution.

It is certainly true that a Transfer of the Labors of the Order from this Hall to any other will be made with Regret. Erected and Consecrated at a Period of great Masonic Prosperity and expectation, we have clung to it with Natural Pride, and have lavished upon it more of our affections and our means than experience and Prudence can Justify. If we Quit it, let us take Consolation from the reflection that in doing so we return to the practice of fundamental Principles, that as we throw off the Vestments of Splendor we resume the Beauty and Purity of Benevolence and are accompanied by the ennobling consciousness of absolute Independence. The Sale of this Property will enable us to extinguish every shackle of Debt, to purchase an equally convenient, more appropriate though perhaps less Imposing Temple, and at once to command and to accumulate a large and effective Fund for the exalted purpose of Charity. These are Results within the Immediate reach of the Grand Lodge, and towards which the Judgment and Feelings of your Committee are Irresistably Impelled.

Abstaining from a Detail as to the Various modes by which the plan may be effected, a Detail whose publicity might in some Degree affect the Interests of the Grand Lodge, the Committee Tender the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to ascertain what Price can be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge, and to Receive proposals for the Sale of a Suitable Building for its accommodation to Report to the Grand Lodge at its next Meeting.

Philada., March 16th, 1835.

Signed. G. M. Dallas,
G. M.
Chairman of the Com.

Attest. Saml. M. Stewart,
Secretary.

The above Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted, and R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Committee Bro^s. Jos^h. R. Chandler, Jos^h. S. Riley, Cornelius Stephenson, W^m. Stephens and Mark Richards.

The following Documents accompanied the above Report of the Committee of 21, Viz:

Property.

Lot and Buildings on Chestnut St., 101 7/12 feet front by 178 feet Deep valued at,	120.000	
Deposit of Penn^a. Insurance $1500 liable to a deduction of 5 p^r. ct. when withdrawn, ...	1.425	
Furniture in Building, Valued at, . .	1.500	
Ahiman Rezon, 1220 Copies Unbound 50 d^o. Bound valued at, . . .	952.50	
Sinking Fund, 49 Shares Masonic Loan with Interest, unpaid, ...	5.635.	
Arrears of Dues, of which it is estimated there can be Collected, ...	650.	
Gas Establishment, Valued at, . .	1.200	
		$131.362.50

Charity Fund.

Invested in Masonic and Penn^a. Loans,	1500.00	
Gas Loan, ...	432.50	
V. Pepins Note, ...	100.00	
Deposit in Savings Fund, . .	93.93	
		$2126.43

Girard Legacy.

Invested in Masonic Loan, . . .	12.900.00	
84 Shares F. and M. Bank at 68, . .	5.712.00	
May and Nov^r., Dividends on d^o., . .	336.00	
Due by G. Lodge for Loan and Interest,	2.323.83	
		21.271.83

Debts Due.

5 1/half Years Interest to Sinking Fund, .	735.00	
Girard Legacy exclusive of Interest, . .	2323.83	
Gas Loan ditto, ...	1200.00	
S. H. Thomas, assigned to M^r. Dahlgren, supposed, ...	2000.00	
		6258.83

Masonic Loan Payable 1st Jany. 1840 a 6 pr.ct.,	20.000.00	
do. Debt " " " " a 6 pr.ct.,	14.500.00	
Lodge No. 9 and Lodge No. 59 a 5 pr.ct.,	500.00	
Masonic Loan Payable 1st Jany. 1835 a 5 pr.ct.,	19.000.00	
Loan from Girard Trustees " 1845 a 5 pr.ct.,	6.000.00	
		60.000.00

Resources.

Lodge Dues Estimated at, . . .	1600.00	
Rent of Lower Rooms, . . .	2500.00	
Gas sold in do.	500.00	
Dispensations $50, Certificate $30, Ahiman Rezon $3, ...	83.00	
		4.683.00

Expenditures.

Interest on Funded Debt, . . .	3345.00	
do. on Miscellaneous Debts as above,	375.52	
Gr. Secty. 800, Gr. Tyler $175, Superintendent, $300, ...	1275.	
Hall for Supplies and Repairs, . .	600.	
Labour and Material making Gas, .	400.00	
		5995.52

The Resolution offered by P. G. Master Bro. Kittera on the 2nd Inst. relative to a Masonic Procession was then taken up and on Motion of Bro. J. S. Riley and Seconded, it was amended by Striking out all after the Words "be postponed" and the Resolution as Amended was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

Genl. Returns from the following Lodges were Recd. Read and ordered to be filed.

Lodge No. 50, West Chester.
" " 115, Philadelphia.

On Motion of Bro. V. L. Bradford and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That it be referred to the Grand Officers to Enquire into and Report as Early as practicable what Terms of Compromise at the least possible Loss can be effected by this Grand Lodge with the Subordinate Lodges in the City and County who are

Indebted, whereby the said Subordinate Lodges may be relieved from their present burthensome Indebtedness.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. V. L. Bradford and on Motion made and Seconded, was ordered to lie over for Consideration at the next Extra adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Resolved, that the Present Rent inclusive of the Annual Charge for gas paid respectively by the Subordinate Lodges occupying the Grand Lodge Room be Reduced from Ninety One Dollars pr. Annum to Seventy One Dollars per Annum, and the present Rent inclusive of the annual charge for Gas paid by the Subordinate Lodges Occupying the lesser Lodge Room in the South Western part of the Hall, Second Floor, be reduced from Sixty Five Dollars pr. Annum to Forty five Dollars pr. Annum.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at ¼ past Nine o'clock in the Evening to meet again on the 1st Monday in April next.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Note, "the following Resolutions were appended to the Report of the Committee of Finance and should have been inserted in Page 221."

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance agreeably to the Estimate handed in beg leave to offer the following Resolutions, Viz:

Resolved, that the Sum of Three Thousand, Three Hundred and forty five Dollars, be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Interest on Loans and Debt to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Secretarys Salary and allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of One hundred and Seventy Five Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Tylers Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Salary of the Superintendent of the Hall and Gas, to be drawn for by him Under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Use and Repairs of the Hall to be drawn for by the Superintendent Under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Use of the Gas Establishment to be drawn for by the Superintendent Under the Usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. WONDERLY, J. R. CHANDLER, S. M. STEWART, } Committee.

Philad^a., March 11th, 1835.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, April 6th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W. G. M., Pro Tempore.	
"	Joseph S. Riley,	"	Senr. G. W., P. T.
"	Thos. S. Manning,	"	Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Gr. Treasurer.
"	S. M. Stewart,	"	Gr. Secretary.
"	Scott, Senr. Deacon, P. T.		
"	W^m. Stephens, Junr. Deacon.		
"	Ge^o. S. Schott, Gr. Sword Bearer.		
"	Francis Cooper, Gr. Marshal.		
"	Enos S. Gandy, Gr. Pursuivant.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 187, and 201 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at a Quarter before Eight o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Visitors were admitted.

General Returns for 1834 from the following Lodges were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 43, Lancaster.
" 52, Philadelphia. T—— B——, D—— T—— and J—— O. S——, Sus. N. P. D.
" 121, do. for 1833.
" 121, do. for 1834. H—— G. B—— and H—— J. G——, S. N. P. D.
" 131, do.
" 91, do.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Indiana was Received and on Motion made and Seconded, referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Report was Received and Read and the Resolution thereunto attached was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge to ascertain what Price can be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and to receive Proposals for the Sale of a Suitable Building for its Accommodation beg leave to Report.

That in the discharge of their Duties they were met with the Customary Enquiries of the Buyer as to the Price demanded, and as your Committee was not authorized to fix any Price, it followed almost as a matter of course that those who Possessed the Means and the willingness to Purchase, refrained from an offer lest they should exceed by an unnecessary amount the Sum offered by any other Individual.

The Committee also found a difficulty in obtaining any Specific Offer because they were not empowered to accept it however advantageous it might appear, though they have Conferred with Several Capitalists who expressed a desire to possess the Premises.

From the Franklin Institute a Specific Proposal was Received to the following effect: To give for the Masonic Hall and the Land, the Sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars in Cash and the Hall of the Institute in Seventh Street, occupying

60 feet in front and about 100 feet in depth. This offer was made upon the understanding that another Proposal could be proffered in a few days which would not include, of necessity, the offer of their own Hall.

The Committee offer the following Resolution: Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed with Power to Sell the Masonic Hall and Lot at a Price not less than One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars and that they be authorized to advertize the Premises for Sale, provided that in their Opinion it should be Deemed necessary and expedient.

Signed. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.
JOSEPH S. RILEY.
WM. STEPHENS.

April 6th, A. L. 5835.

It was on Motion made and Seconded, resolved, that the Committee which made the above Report be the Committee to Carry into effect the Resolution.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 5 Minutes past 9 o'clock in the Evening till the 1st Monday in May.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 4th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	GEO. M. DALLAS,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	R. W. Depy. G. M.
"	Robt. Toland,	R. W. Senr. G. Warden.
"	Chas. Stout,	R. W. Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	R. W. Gr. Treasurer.
"	S. M. Stewart,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	J. S. Riley,	" Senr. Deacon.
"	Wm. Stephens,	" Junr. Deacon.
"	G. S. Schott,	" Sword Bearer.
"	F. Cooper,	" Gr. Marshal.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21 and 197 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following Report was received and Read and the Committee Continued, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Duty of ascertaining what sum could be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and at what Price another Suitable Hall could be Purchased, beg leave to Report.

That they have Received from the Directors of the Philadelphia Museum an offer of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars on the Condition that the Grand Lodge would Continue to occupy or Hire the parts of the Hall now used for Masonic Purposes with the exception of the Chapter Room, at a Yearly Rent of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

The Committee have also received from the Trustees or Executive Committee of the Franklin Institute an offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars without any Conditions, Subject however to the approval of the Institute.

Brother Robert Kid Continues his offer of the Washington Hall for Twenty four Thousand Dollars. Your Committee have not yet advertised the Property for reasons which most of the Members will understand.

("Signed) Jos^H. R. Chandler,
Jos^H. S. Riley,
W^M. Stephens.

Philadelphia, May 4th. 1835.

Returns were received, Read and ordered to be filed from Lodge N°. 60, held at Brownsville, for the year 1834.

A Communication was Received from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Viz:

Whereas, the Munificent Bequest of Twenty Thousand Dollars made by the late Stephen Girard, Esq$^{r.}$ to this Grand Lodge for Charitable purposes should be husbanded with Great Care and Prudence, in order that it may reach the Sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, at the earliest possible time, That it may be made available to the high and noble purposes of Masonic Charity, whereby the order may be more highly exalted in the Scale of Moral Influence,

Therefore be it Resolved,

That Five Members be a Committee to Enquire into the Management of said Fund, digest a Plan for the management and distribution of the said Fund, and Report at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

The said Resolution being Seconded by Bro. the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro$^{s.}$ Joseph S. Riley, S. H. Perkins, Cha$^{s.}$ Stout, John Thomson and Sam$^{l.}$ Wonderly as the Committee.

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley, Viz.:

Whereas, it is of the utmost Importance to the Interest of this order that the Fiscal Concerns and Records of this Grand Lodge, should be kept in the best possible order, and the Grand Lodge should from time to time be correctly advised of the fact, And Whereas, it is known to this Grand Lodge that the Affairs thereof for the last few years have not been kept in the order or proceeded in with the Care and regularity which was Calculated to give Life and Spirit to the Craft, or essentially advance the Fiscal Interest of this Grand Lodge,

Therefore be it Resolved,

That the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, Senior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and the Committee of Finance be a Committee to enquire into the Situation of the Records, Accounts and the Fiscal Concerns of this Grand Lodge generally for the last Five Years, and make a detailed Report on the Subject at the Grand Communication in June next, accompanied with such Suggestions for the more efficient organization of the same, as they in their Wisdom may deem expedient.

The Said Resolution being Seconded by Bro. it was adopted.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley.

Whereas, it is highly Important to the Interest and Prosperity, as well as the Moral Influence of this Grand Lodge, that all the elective Grand officers should be punctual and regular in their attendance at the meetings of the Grand Lodge,

And Whereas, the Grand Lodge has a Legal and Moral Right to exact from those officers, a faithful discharge of the Duties that properly attach to their Several Stations, without which the Interest and Prosperity of the Order must of necessity thereby be much hindered or retarded in its fair and legitimate growth,

And Whereas, the Grand Lodge has Suffered much Loss in the frequent absence of its Grand Officers from their Stations, from the non exercise of the Duties by the Identical officers whom they have Specially Chosen to fill those Stations, and officially exercise the functions and discharge the duties thereof,

And Whereas, the Grand Lodge is the only true and Legitimate Source of Masonic Authority, they recognize the Grand Officers to a Certain extent, to be the Property of the Grand Lodge. Therefore the Grand Lodge have always reserved the Right and Power to order and direct those officers in the discharge of their duties.

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Grand Lodge holds it to be of great Importance to the Interest and Prosperity of the Craft, that the Elective Grand Officers should be punctual and Regular in their attendance at the Meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that if any or either of the Elective Grand Officers shall be absent from two Successive Meetings of the Grand Lodge, he or they shall at the Next Meeting of the Grand Lodge tender such Apology as the Grand Lodge shall deem Good and Sufficient. Upon the neglect or failure to make, or the Grand Lodge to Accept Such Apology, the Officer shall be fined in the Sum of Five Dollars for Charitable purposes, and if any of the Said Officers shall be absent from three Successive Meetings of the Grand Lodge, He shall be fined in the Sum of Ten Dollars, Subject to the Same Conditions and restrictions as above Stated.

Resolved, that it shall be the Duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a Roll of the attendance and non attendance of the

Elective Grand officers, and when either of them have Incurred a Fine, Report the same to the Chairman of the Committee of Charity, whose Duty it shall be Immediately to Call on such Officer for the Payment of the Said Fine, and if the same is not Paid before the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge, it shall be his Duty to report the Fact to the Grand Lodge under a Penalty of Two Dollars.

Resolved, that a Copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolution be served on each of the Said Officers, and in future to every Grand Officer upon his first Election to any of those Stations.

The above Preamble and Resolutions were on Motion and Seconded, referred to a Committee of Five Members to report thereon, and the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint on Said Committee, Bro^s. Joseph S. Riley, Jos^h. R. Chandler, J. Scott, Francis Cooper and W^m. Mayweg.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock to meet again on the Third Monday of the present Month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 18th., A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. GE^o. M. DALLAS, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " " Dep^y. G. M.
" R. Toland, " " Senr. G. W.
" C. Stout, " " Junr. G. W., P. T.
" R. R. Moore, " " Gr. Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " " Gr. Secretary.
" S. H. Perkins, Senr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.
" J. Y. Black, Junr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.
" G. S. Schott, Gr. Sword Bearer.
" F. Cooper, Gr. Marshal.
" C. Baker, Gr. Pursuivant.
P. Gr. Masters Nisbet and Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 168, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21, 197 and 203 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following Report from the R. W. Gr. Secretary was Received and Read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report, that he is unable to comply with a Resolution Passed at an Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication on the 2nd February last, requiring him to Report all Lodges who have failed to make Returns for more than One Year, and also to Satisfy the Calls of the Various Committees (Appointed since that Period) for Information, Owing to his not having obtained from his Predecessor in office the necessary Books and Papers.

Signed. SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Philad^a., May 18th, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was Ordered to be filed, and the explanation given by the late Grand Secretary (Bro. Read being present) be Satisfactory.

The following Report was Read, Viz:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of ascertaining what Sum could be obtained for the real estate of the Grand Lodge and on what Terms another Hall could be obtained, Beg leave further to Report, that they have received several offers and conferred with other Gentlemen as to the means to be pursued for Obtaining the full Value of the Property for Sale, and they have been advised to offer the whole for Sale at Public Auction and they respectfully ask advice from the Grand Lodge on this Subject.

JOS^H. R. CHANDLER, Ch^n.

May 18th, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Committee was Continued, and that it be further Invested with Power to purchase the Washington Hall for a Sum not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, Subject to the Sale of the Masonic Hall.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half Past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 1st, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Geo. M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	" "	Depy. G. M.
"	Robt. Toland,	" "	Senr. G. W.
"	John M. Read,	" "	Junr. G. W.
"	R. R. Moore,	" "	Grand Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	" "	Grand Secretary.
"	J. S. Riley,	" "	Senr. Deacon.
"	Wm. Stephens,		" Junr. Deacon.
"	F. Cooper,		" Marshal.
"	D. Nathans,		" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21, 197 and 203 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Eight o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of March 2nd and the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communications of March 16th, April 6th and of the 4th and 18th of May were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were Severally adopted.

General Returns from the following Lodges for 1834 were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 60, held at Brownsville, Fayette Co.

N°. 130, held at Philadelphia. D—— D——, P—— I. D——, T—— F——, A—— H——, H—— H——, W—— H——, P—— W——, P. J. W——, W—— H. W——, Ex. for N. P. D. O—— S——, Expelled for Embezzling the Funds of the Lodge. J—— B——, Stricken.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the first Quarter Ending the 31st March, 1835.

Receipts.

Lodges dues, City and County, . . .	549.93	
Hall rec^d. Rent of Lower Rooms, . . .	902.90	
Gas " for Gas, ...	258.32	
Dispensations rec^d.	20.00	
Certificates, "	4.00	
Ahiman Rezon, "	1.50	
		$1736.65

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders, ...	1255.50	
Late Gr. Secretary for Balance due for 1834,	300.00	
Gr. Secretary, " Salary and Allowances,	200.00	
Gr. Tyler balance due him for 1834, . .	45.00	
D^o. for 3 Mo^s. Salary and Tyling . .	49.50	
Superintendent for 3 Mo^s. do., . . .	75.00	
Hall, Sundry Expenses, ...	227.61	
Gas " "	108.64	
		$2261.25
Payments exceeding Receipts, . .	D^rs.	524.60

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. Wonderly, Ch^r.
John Thomson.
Philad^a., May 26th, 1835. Enos S. Gandy.

The following Report with the Resolutions thereto appended was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, was laid over and made the order of the day on the first Monday in July, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on the Girard Bequest appointed on the 4th of May last, Respectfully Report,

That your Committee have not succeeded in procuring sufficient information to enable them to place before the Grand Lodge a full and Satisfactory Report on this Important Subject. From the express Words of the Will of our late Bro. Girard, your Committee are of opinion that it was his Intention, the Grand Lodge should have the care and management of the Bequest. Your Committee are inclined to believe that it will be prudent and necessary for the Grand Lodge to Cause to be elected by Ballot, from Among its Members, a sufficient number of Brethren to take Charge of this Fund, in order that its Receipts be punctually collected and promptly Invested, your Committee therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following Resolutions, Viz:

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge on the first Monday of July next will proceed and Elect by Ballot Five Members of the Grand Lodge who shall be Styled the "Trustees of the Girard Bequest" who shall under the Grand Lodge have the entire Care and Management of said Bequest.

Resolved, that it shall be the Duty of the Grand Lodge annually on the first Monday in January to elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest shall on the first Mondays in January and July lay before the Grand Lodge a Statement of the Condition of said Bequest.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, be and they are hereby requested and directed to hand over to the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, All Certificates of Stock, Cash, Books, Papers, &c., which is in their Possession, belonging, or in any way Appertaining to the said Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. JOSEPH S. RILEY.
S. WONDERLY.
CHAS. STOUT.
JOHN THOMSON.
SAML. H. PERKINS.

Philada., June 1, 1835.

The following Report was Received and Read, Viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of disposing of the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and of purchasing the Washington Hall Beg leave to Report,

That they have purchased the Washington Hall in Conformity with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge at the Price of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and though they have had frequent Conference with Capitalists as to the Sale of the Hall and the Lot on which it is situated they have not received any New Specific Offer therefor, The offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars has not been withdrawn. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed.

JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
Chairman.

June 1st, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was adopted and the Committee Authorized to Sell for a Sum not less than One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 5 Minutes past 9 o'clock to Meet on the 1st Monday in July next.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, June 10th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Geo. M. DALLAS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	" "	Depy. G. M.
"	R. Toland,	" "	Senr. G. W.
"	Chas. Stout,	" "	Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	" "	Gr. Treasurer.
"	S. M. Stewart,	" "	Gr. Secretary.
"	J. S. Riley,		" Senr. Deacon.
"	Wm. Stephens,		" Junr. Deacon.
"	Geo. S. Schott,		" Sword Bearer.
"	F. Cooper,		" Marshal.
			" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 136, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 21 and 197 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Ten Minutes before 8 o'clock in the Evening.

The following Report was Received and Read, Viz:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to ascertain what Price could be obtained for the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge and at what Price another Hall could be Purchased and subsequently clothed with Power to purchase a Hall and Sell the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge having discharged according to their best abilities, the duties devolved upon them, beg leave respectfully to Report the result of their Labours.

On Enquiry of W. Samuel J. Curtis they learned that Washington Hall in South Third St. could be obtained for the Sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and that an Individual was Anxious to obtain it at that Price proceeding then in the Spirit of their Instructions, the Committee offered to take the Hall for that Sum. The offer was accepted. No time of Payment was specified, but it has since been understood that about Nine Thousand Dollars of the Purchase Money will be required on the execution of the Deed. There is a Mortgage upon Washington Hall drawing Interest of 4 p$^{r.}$ Ct. per Annum accompanied with some Condition not fully Understood; but no doubt is entertained that the whole can easily and readily be Compromised.

In the rear of Washington Hall and directly Connected therewith, is a Dwelling House included in the Purchase, it is now occupied by W. Head but will be relinquished to suit the Convenience of the Grand Lodge.

In purchasing this Hall as nothing was said of Fixtures, Furniture and Insurance it is presumed that they do not go with the Building.

For the Real Estate of the Grand Lodge the Committee held an offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars from the Franklin Institute, and last Week W$^{m.}$ Swaim, Esq$^{r.}$ made the offer of One Hundred and Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which, after deliberation, was finally accepted.

Wm. Swaim is to Pay Fifteen Thousand Dollars of the Purchase Money at the execution of the Deed, and on any Unpaid Balance, he is to Pay Interest at the rate of 5 pr. ct. per annum.

In Selling the Hall the Committee reserved all Furnitures, Lamps, Chandeliers and Masonic Fixtures, such as Pedestals, Pillars and Images and also the Deposit Money for Insurance upon the Building.

The Change in Property will call for the action of Committees as well to Convey, and receive Titles, as to regulate the Loans of the Grand Lodge and accommodate the Security to the new Position which will be assumed.

A Committee to put the new Property in a Situation to Accommodate the Grand Lodge and its dependent order will be required and your Committee respectfully Calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the Subject.

Believing that the Purposes for which they were appointed have been obtained they offer this Report and ask to be discharged.

Signed. Jos. R. Chandler.
Jos. S. Riley.
Wm. Stephens.

Philada., June 10th, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the above Report be adopted and the Committee Continued, and that they be Instructed to Examine into the Title of the real Estate Purchased in Third Street by the Grand Lodge, and the Incumbrances and to make arrangements as may effectually secure the said Property free of all Liens, Covenants or Incumbrances for the Grand Lodge and to Report such measures as they may deem Proper to be taken by the Grand Lodge in relation to the reception and disposition of the Monies arising from the Sale.

On Motion of Bro. V. L. Bradford and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Title Deeds and Papers relative to the Property in Third Street be submitted to the R. W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters Newcomb, Kittera and Randall for their Inspection.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Committee be Instructed to Enquire into the Expense necessary

in Preparing the Washington Hall for Masonic Purposes, and at what time it can be ready for the reception of the Grand Lodge, and make Report of the same at the next Meeting.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, That the Trustees of the Real Estate be authorized to Convey the same in Fee to the Purchaser on his Complying with the Conditions of Sale.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that in Case of a Necessity existing before the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge the Committee on Sale and Purchase have Authority to name Seven Brethren to Act as Trustees of this Grand Lodge to receive the Title Deeds, &c., of Property in Third Street.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Five Minutes past Nine o'clock in the evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 6th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
"		" " Depy. G. M.
"	A. Quinton,	" " Senr. G. Warden, P. T.
"	S. H. Perkins,	" " Junr. G. Warden, P. T.
"		" " Grand Treasurer.
"	S. M. Stewart,	" " Grand Secretary.
"	J. S. Riley,	Gr. Senr. Deacon.
		" Junr. Deacon.
		" Sword Bearer.
		" Marshal.
		" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 187 and 211 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at a Quarter before 8 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

A Communication was rec$^{d.}$ from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52 Stating that by Virtue of a dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1834, they had held an Election on Wednesday Feb$^{y.}$ 4th and Elected

Charles C. Coupland,	Sen$^{r.}$ Warden.
John Dickson,	Jun$^{r.}$ Warden.
John Thomas,	Treasurer and
Jacob Connelly,	Secretary of said Lodge.

A Communication from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was Rec$^{d.}$ and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Girard Bequest made a Verbal Report, that they had not yet been able to procure all the necessary Information for a detailed Report and requested to be Continued.

The following Report was received and read:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to prepare a Plan of the Proposed Rooms in the Washington Hall, beg leave to offer to the Grand Lodge the accompanying Drafts which will Illustrate their Views and which they Venture to hope will meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The Committee have not offered any plan of alteration in other parts of the Building inasmuch as the Uses to which the other Rooms may be put most depend upon the Acceptance or Rejection of this Report. It is the Opinion of the Committee that the South Room on the lower Floor may be Used as a Banquetting Room, while the smaller Apartments furnish excellent Committee Rooms, Furniture Rooms, &c. One of them may with Slight Alterations be put to some Valuable Masonic Purpose. The Immediate Accommodation of the Grand Lodge and its Subordinate orders, however has been the chief consideration of the Committee and their Views of alterations and Improvements embrace no Considerable expenditure but have been limited to closest economy. The Estimates of Cost have not been made but as the alterations now submitted are Confined to the Appropriation and adaptation of the Saloon to the Purposes of two

Masonic Apartments it will be Seen that the Expense cannot be great especially as the chief decorations are already in the Possession of the Grand Lodge.

Signed. J. R. CHANDLER.
Philad^a.. July 6th, 1835. J. S. RILEY.

The above Report being accompanied by a Plan of the suggested alterations, the Grand Lodge was called off from Labour to refreshment for the Space of Ten Minutes for the Purpose of giving the Members an Opportunity of examining the Same.

Grand Lodge was Called on from refreshment to Labour and on Motion made and Seconded, it was resolved, that the Plan Reported by the Committee be adopted, provided, that no part of said Plan be Carried into effect until the Deed for the Said Premises shall be executed and an Estimate of the Expense Submitted to and Approved by the R. W. Grand Master.

The Report on the Girard Legacy laid over from the 1st June was taken up and postponed to the 1st Monday in September and the Grand Secretary Instructed to notify the Members thereof in Issuing Notices for that Communication.

A Report from the Trustees Masonic Loans, Girard Trust, &c., was rec^d. and Read and referred to the Committee on the Girard Legacy.

Grand Lodge Closed at ¼ Past 10 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, July 16th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a.. Extra Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro. GE^o. M. DALLAS, R. W. G. Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Dep^y. Gr. M.
" A. Mason, " Senr. Gr. Warden.
" Weeks, " Junr. Gr. Warden.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" J. S. Riley, Gr. Senr. Deacon.
" W^m. Stephens, " Junr. Deacon.
" Ge^o. S. Schott, " Sword Bearer.
" Marshal.
" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 130, 134, 155, 158, 165, 186, 187, 211, 21 and 197 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 5 Minutes before 8 o'clock.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following Report from the Committee on Sale and Purchase and also the accompanying Letter from the Committee of the Franklin Institute were Received and Read, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee on Selling and Buying Real Estate beg leave to Report.

That since the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge they have received a Communication from the Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania addressed through the Committee to the Grand Lodge. It Contains a proposition which the Committee are not empowered to accept or refuse but which concerns a portion of the Duties assigned to the Committee and is of Importance to the Interest of the Grand Lodge and hence a Special Grand Communication was requested by the Committee. The Letter of the Institute accompanies this Report. As a Matter of Information to the Grand Lodge the Committee respectfully State that they have caused estimates of the Cost of the Proposed alterations in Washington Hall to be made by a Competent Person and if they meet the approbation of the R. W. Grand Master they shall proceed to the Duties assigned to them as Soon as the Interchange of Papers shall have been made with the Contracting Parties.

Signed. Jos^H. R. Chandler.
Jos^H. S. Riley.

Philad^a., July 16th, 1835.

Hall of the Franklin Institute.
Philad^a., July 11, 1835.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Gentlemen,

On Behalf of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania for the Promotion of the Mechanic Arts, we

have the Honor of informing you that a Written agreement was Entered into on the 26th day of June last between Mr. William Swaim and the Franklin Institute by which he agreed to Transfer to the Institute the Contract made by him with your Lodge for the Purchase of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth, precisely on the same Terms on which he had made it with your Committee.

These Terms we Understand to be as follows: that the Price of the Lot (which is 101 feet 7 Inches on Chestnut Street by 178 feet deep) together with the Hall erected upon it, shall be One Hundred and Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars, of which Fifteen Thousand Dollars to be Paid Cash and the balance to remain at five pr. Cent. Interest secured upon the Property. That certain specified articles, to wit: Furniture, Lamps, Chandeliers and Masonic Fixtures, such as Pedestals, Pillars and Images and also the Deposit Money for Insurance on the Building were reserved from the Sale, and that Possession should be given as soon as the Grand Lodge can prepare the Apartments provided for elsewhere.

These being we believe the Terms agreed upon between the Committee of the Grand Lodge and Mr. Swaim, and approved by the Lodge, we (with his Concurrence) beg leave to request you to Substitute us the Original Contractors, in lieu of Mr. Swaim, the Franklin Institute, and to direct that the Conveyance may be made directly to the Institute as soon as we shall be prepared to make the First Payment of Fifteen Thousand Dollars which we trust will be Immediately, or as soon after receiving your Answer to our request.

We beg leave to add that is the intention of the Institute to proceed forthwith to improve upon the Lot by the erection of Stores on the line of Chestnut Street and by such other means as will, we think, greatly enhance the value and Income arising out of the Property and that as these will require a large outlay of Money a Plan is now under Consideration by which a sufficient Sum will, it is expected, be raised to enable us to Pay off at once the whole Amount of the Purchase Money and to effect all the Projected Improvements on the Property.

At all events we do not hesitate in expressing our Intention at once to offer for Sale the Property of the Institute in South Seventh Street, which is at present free from all Incumbrances

and to appropriate the Proceeds of it exclusively to the Payment to the Grand Lodge of an additional portion of the Purchase Money or to expend it in Improvements upon the Masonic Hall Lot itself. The affairs of the Institute are and have always been in a very healthy Condition; the Loan Created in 1825 for the Erection of the Present Hall Amounted to $34,000 of which $11,000 have been redeemed within the last Nine Years, besides Paying the Interest on the Stock with the Utmost punctuality and fidelity as Soon as it became due.

The Seventh Street Property having greatly advanced in Value since we purchased it, we doubt not, it would Command a much higher Price than that Paid by us, and as the Unredeemed balance of our former Loan is now only about $23,000, we anticipate from this Sale a large Surplus which we are ready to invest in our new Purchase.

We trust therefore that the above Stated Facts will be such as to Satisfy you of the ability and firm purpose of the Institute to meet all its engagements with fidelity and that it will Induce you to accede to our request. We remain gentlemen

Very respectfully,

Your obed^t. Serv^ts.,

Signed. S. V. Merrick,
Willm. H. Keating,
Fred^k. Traley,
A. D. Bache,
Isaac Hays,
M. W. Baldwin.
Committee.

On Motion of Bro. P. G. M. Kittera and Seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge are willing to make Sale of the Masonic Hall and Lot to the Franklin Institute (W^m. Swaim the first Purchaser consenting thereto in writing) for the Sum of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars; Fifteen Thousand Dollars to be Paid Cash upon the delivery of the Deed, and the Balance to be Secured by Bond and Mortgage upon the Lot and Payable at such times as the Committee and the Franklin Institute shall agree, and

when the Committee shall have made a final arrangement with the said Institute that the Trustees shall execute the Deed to the Purchaser According to the Resolution of June 10th with the reservations made in the Letter of the Franklin Institute.

On Motion of Bro. Chandler and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Committee on Purchase and Sale be authorized to Sell the Chandeliers of this Hall and Purchase others if it should be found necessary.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that a Sum not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Use of the Committee on Purchase and Sale for the Purpose of altering the Upper Rooms of the Washington Hall to be drawn for by the chairman Under the Usual restrictions.

On Motion of Bro. P. G. M. Kittera and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Resolution adopted 10th June be Amended by Striking out all after the word Property, and add "to the Grand Lodge," so as to read, "and to make such arrangements as may effectually secure the said Property to the Grand Lodge."

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half Past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, August 25th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. G. M. DALLAS, R. W. Grand Master.
" A. Mason, " Senr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Jas. Hickey, " Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Geo. Smith, Senr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.
" Wm. Stephens, Junr. Gr. Deacon.
" F. Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" D. Nathans, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 125, 130, 134, 158, 186, 187, 21, and 197 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Seven O'clock.

The following Resolutions were Read, Viz:

Resolved, that the following Brethren be and they are hereby Authorized to Act as Trustees of the Grand Lodge to receive the Title Deeds, &c., of the Property recently Purchased in South Third Street known as the Washington Hall. Viz:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R.	W.	G.	M.	
"	Bayse Newcomb,	"	"	Past	G.	M.
"	Josiah Randall,	"	"	"	"	"
"	James Harper,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Thos. Kittera,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Saml. Badger,	"	"	"	"	"
"	John Steele,	"	"	"	"	"

and that the resolution on this Subject passed on the 10th June be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, that the Bond and Mortgage to be executed by the Franklin Institute agreeably to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 16th July, 1835, shall be given to the following Brethren, Viz:

Bro.	George M. Dallas,	R.	W.	G.	M.	
"	Bayse Newcomb,	"	"	Past	G.	M.
"	Josiah Randall,	"	"	"	"	"
"	James Harper,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Thos. Kittera,	"	"	"	"	"
"	Saml. Badger,	"	"	"	"	"
"	John Steele,	"	"	"	"	"

who are hereby authorized to receive the said Bond and Mortgage, and to hold the same in Trust for the Grand Lodge.

And on Motion made and Seconded, they were severally adopted.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at a Quarter Past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 7th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. Geo. M. Dallas, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Depy. Gr. Master.
" John M. Read, " Senr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Saml. Davis, " Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Joseph S. Riley, " Senr. Gr. Deacon.
" Wm. Stephens, " Junr. Gr. Deacon.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" G. S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
Grand Marshal.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Masters, Newcomb, Nisbet.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 134, 155, 186, 187, 211, 21, 197, and 203 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 20 Minutes past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Gr. Quarterly Communication.

of June 1st
Extra Gr. Q. Comn. of " 10th
Extra Adjd. " " " of July 6th
Extra " " " of " 16th
do. " " " of Augt. 25th

were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were Severally adopted.

General Returns were Received and Read from Lodge No. 217, held at Monte Video, and ordered to be filed.

The Report and Resolutions offered by the Committee on the Girard Legacy, June 1st were then taken up.

The first resolution being under Consideration was on Motion made and Seconded, Amended by striking out the Words, "the

first Monday in July next," and substituting the Word, "Forthwith."

The Resolution so amended was on Motion made and Seconded, Negatived.

The Second Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded, so altered as to Read first Monday in December, instead of January, and being so amended was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The Third Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded, so altered as to Read first Mondays in March and September instead of January and July and being so Amended was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The Fourth Resolution was on Motion made and Seconded, Amended by adding after the Words Girard Bequest "so Elected, when Elected" &c., and being so amended was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The Resolutions as Amended and Adopted are the following, Viz:

Resolved,

That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge Annually on the first Monday in December to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

Resolved,

That the Trustees of the Girard Bequest, shall on the first Mondays in March and Septr. lay before the Grand Lodge a Statement of the Condition of the said Bequest.

Resolved,

That the Trustees of the Masonic Loans be and they are hereby requested and directed to hand over to the Trustees of the Girard Bequest so Elected, when Elected, All Certificates of Stock, Cash, Books, Papers, &c., which are in their Possession, belonging to, or in any way appertaining to the said Bequest.

The following Report was rec^d. and Read from the Grand Secretary, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Grand Secretary in Pursuance of a Resolution passed on the 2nd February requiring him to Report all Lodges in the City and County who have failed to make their Returns for more than One year, Begs leave to Report,

That the following Lodges have not made Annual Returns since the years affixed to their N^os.^ respectively, Viz:

Lodge	N^o.^	19,	Philadelphia,	1833.
"	"	126,	ditto	1832.
"	"	134,	ditto	1830.
"	"	160,	ditto	1829.
"	"	102,	Frankford,	1832.
"	"	135,	Roxborough,	1831.
"	"	211,	Kensington,	1832.

The Grand Secretary begs leave to offer the following Resolution, Viz:

Resolved, that the above Report be handed to the Grand Officers, to whom was referred by Resolution of the 16th March the duty to Enquire into and Report what Terms of Compromise can be effected with the Subordinate Lodges in the City and County who are Indebted to the Grand Lodge, &c., and that said Committee of Grand Officers Report to the Grand Lodge on the 3rd Monday in October.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAMUEL M. STEWART, G^r.^ Sect^y.^

Philad^a.,^ Septr. 7th,^ 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Report was Accepted and the Resolution accompanying it was Adopted.

The following Report and Resolution attached thereto was Read, Viz:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn^a.^

The Committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred the Subject of Selling the Real Estate to the Institute and of Buying a New Hall, Report in Part, that in obedience to the order of the Grand Lodge, they have Caused the Deeds of the Real Estate which is now occupied by the Grand Lodge to be drawn in the name of the Franklin Institute instead of that of Wm. Swaim, Esqr. that the gross sum to be Paid for the Building, &c., is One Hundred and Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars, of which on the delivery of the

Deed, ...	15.000.00
On the 1st January, 1836, ...	20.000.00
" " 1st January, 1838, ...	25.183.34
" " 1st January, 1840, ...	25.183.33
" " 1st January, 1842, ...	25.183.33
	$110.550.00

Secured by Bond and Mortgage in the Usual way on the Premises at 5 pr. ct. per Annum with Privilege to the Franklin Institute to anticipate the Payment of the whole, or any Part of it before those days, in Instalments of not less than Five Thousand Dollars on giving Thirty days Notice: and Guarantee to be given by the Grand Lodge against any Outstanding Incumbrances which cannot be satisfied at once.

The Committee will have to Pay the Hall in Third Street, on the execution of the Deed, .	8.500.00
To the Dancing Assembly, ...	5.500.00
Mortgage to W. J. C. Fisher, ...	6.666.66
do. to W. R. Kid, ...	4.000.00
And the Grand Lodge Owes now due about, .	4.500.00
	29.166.66
Leaving a Balance which will probably be required to Complete the alterations in the New Hall and to repair the Furniture of, .	5.833.34
To be recd. on and before the 1st Janry. 1836, .	$35.000.00

The Committee furthermore Report that in Consequence of the absence of one of the Trustees, the Deeds of the Masonic Hall have not been Completed they have been sent to Tennessee to have the Signature of the Trustee Bro. Saml. F. Bradford, now in that State. Progress has been made in the alteration to the Hall in Third Street agreeably to the Plan adopted by the Grand Lodge.

In a Recent Sale of Articles belonging to a former Proprietor of the Washington Hall, the Committee caused to be purchased several Articles such as Hall Stoves, a Grate, Glasses, &c., amounting to less than One Hundred Dollars, for which

they have Paid and which they deemed necessary to the Proper furnishing of the different Rooms.

The Committee are Impressed with a belief that Gas will be found Cheaper as well as more Suitable for Lighting than Oil and Candles and they learn that the Philadelphia Gas Company will lay Pipes along Third Street to the Hall provided the Grand Lodge will Contract with them for their Gas at the Same Price that other Buildings Using a Similar Quantity are Supplied. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Committee on Sale and Purchase of real Estate and on preparing the New Hall be Instructed to request the Gas Company to lay the Pipes in Third St. and Supply the Hall with Gas at the same price and under the same Regulations that other Establishments are Served and that the said Committee be instructed to have the Gas Pipes placed in the Hall while the Alterations in the Building are being made.

The Committee also respectfully Suggest the Propriety of their being Authorized to effect Insurance on the Washington Hall.

Respectfully Submitted. Jos^H. R. Chandler, Ch^n.

Septr. 7th, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Report was Accepted and the Resolution appended thereto was adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Committee on Purchase and Sale were Authorized to effect Insurance on the Washington Hall, and to have the Furniture belonging to the Grand Lodge Repaired.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans which was referred July 6th to the Committee on the Girard Bequest be now referred to the Committee of Finance and the Resolution of July 6th be rescinded.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the Second Quarter Ending 30th June, 1835.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, . .	486.00	
" " elsewhere, . . .	45.00	
		531.00
Hall, rec^d. rent of lower Rooms, ...		591.41
Gas, rec^d. for gas sold, ...		163.42
Dispensations rec^d. for, . . .	20.00	
Certificates, " " . . .	8.00	
Ahiman Rezon," " . . .	1.50	
		29.50
		$1315.33

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .	135.00	
Gr. Secretary, Salary and Allowances,	200.00	
Gr. Tyler, d^o. and Tyling, .	52.50	
Superintendent d^o.	75.00	
Hall, for Sundry Expenses, . .	237.91	
Gas, for " " . . .	144.21	
	844.62	
Receipts exceeding Payments,	470.71	
		$1315.33

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

S. Wonderly, John Thomson,
Enos S. Gandy, J. R. Chandler.

Philad^a., Septr. 5th, 1835.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Petitions of Lodges N°. 72 and 187 Praying relief from Debts now Due and owing to the R. W. Grand Lodge, Beg leave to Report,

That in their Opinion it is Inexpedient to Grant the Prayer of the Petitioners.

S. Wonderly, John Thomson,
Enos S. Gandy, J. R. Chandler.

Septr. 5th, 1835.

An account from Bro. John M. Read, Sect$^{y.}$ of the Trustees of Masonic Loans, of the Payment of the Additional Masonic Loan $20.000 and of the Mortgage to Stephen Girard $5000 was presented and referred to the Committee of Finance.

Communications were rec$^{d.}$ and read from Lodges N$^{o.}$ 186 and 67 relative to amendments and additions to their Bye Laws which were on Motion made and Seconded, referred to the Com. on Bye Laws.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at a Quarter Past 9 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, October 19$^{th.}$ A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Master, P. T.
" Rob$^{t.}$ Toland, R. W. Dep$^{y.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ M., P. T.
" John M. Read, R. W. Sen$^{r.}$ Gr$^{r.}$ Warden, P. T.
" Lambert Keating, R. W. Jun$^{r.}$ Gr$^{r.}$ Warden, P. T.
" R. W. Grand Treas$^{r.}$
" Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Ge$^{o.}$ S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, Grand Marshal.
" C. Baker, Sen$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Deacon, P. T.
" Cunningham, Jun$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Deacon, P. T.
" Ja$^{s.}$ Hickey, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 126, 130, 131, 134, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 106, 203 and 217 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

General Returns were Received and Read from the following Lodges and ordered to be filed, Viz:

N$^{o.}$ 62, Reading, for 1831. D—— H. O——, Expelled.
" d$^{o.}$ " 1832.
" d$^{o.}$ " 1833. D$^{r.}$ J—— D——, J—— S——, F—— L——, P—— H——.

N°. 62, Reading, for 1834. J—— D. F——, Expelled.
R—— A——, H—— B——, J—— F——,
F—— H——, W—— C. L——, E—— M——,
M—— S——, J—— S——, P—— R——, S.,
N. P. D.

N°. 81, Germantown, for 1832.

N°. 119, Gibson, Susquehª. for 1833.

The following Report was Recd. and Read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary made on the 7th Septr. that the following Lodges had not made their Annual Returns since the years affixed to their respective Nos., Viz:

N°.	19,	Philadelphia,	1833.	N°.	102,	Frankford,	1832.
"	126,	d°.	1832.	"	135,	Roxboro,	1831.
"	134,	d°.	1830.	"	211,	Kensington,	1832.
"	160,	d°.	1829.				

And to whom was referred by Resolution Passed the 16th March, the Duty to Enquire into and Report what Terms of Compromise can be effected with the Subordinate Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia who are Indebted to the Grand Lodge, &c.

Respectfully Report:

That they are advised that Lodges N°. 126, 134 and 160 have for some time ceased their Labors. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be Instructed to address the last W. M. of each of these Lodges respectively on the Subject of their arrears of Dues and Returns with a Copy of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge in relation thereto, Contained in the Ahiman Rezon Page 165.

In regard to the Lodges who are in arrears for Dues, the Grand Officers have the Matter Under Consideration, but are not yet prepared to Report thereon.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) T. B. Freeman, R. Toland,
J. M. Read, S. M. Stewart.

Philadª., Octr. 19th, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was Accepted and the Resolution thereunto attached, Adopted.

The following Report was Rec$^{d.}$ Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on Purchase and Sale Report

That they are prosecuting the alterations in the Hall in Third Street agreeably to the Plan approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Deeds for the Masonic Hall were drawn by a Competent Person and Signed by two of the Trustees, they were then forwarded to the State of Tennessee to be Signed by a Third, but for some cause to your Committee Unknown, the Papers were not returned, and as they are Necessary to the Procuring of the First Payment from the Franklin Institute, application was made to the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas who appointed Bro. Joseph S. Lewis, a Trustee in lieu of Bro. S. F. Bradford and on Thursday next it is confidently believed that the Deeds may be delivered to the Purchasers of the Hall,

Jos$^{H.}$ R. Chandler,
Ch$^{n.}$ of Comm$^{ee.}$

October 19^{th,} 1835.

A Communication was Rec$^{d.}$ and Read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 203, dated Lewistown, 16th Feb$^{y.,}$ 1829, Stating that they had changed the designation of their Lodge from Jackson to Lewistown, which was Ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes. Communications relative to remission of Dues were Rec$^{d.}$ and Read from Lodges No$^{s.}$ 62, 75, 19, 72 and 187 and referred to the Gr$^{d.}$ Officers.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had Written Letters (Enclosing Accounts) to nearly all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and on Motion made and Seconded, it was resolved, that all Answers to the same be referred to the Grand Officers.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 217, held at Monte Video, Appointing Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, P. M. of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 51, their Proxy. Which was on Motion made and Seconded, Approved.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, was Received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Letter was Rec^d. and Read from Bro. Fortune Chaffin, relative to the Occupancy of the Cellar of Washington Hall as a refectory which was on Motion made and Seconded, referred to the Grand Officers.

The following Resolutions were offered by Bro. W. B. Watson:

Resolved, that on the Dedication of the Washington Hall for Masonic Purposes, that this Grand Lodge go in Solemn Procession to a Place of Worship hereafter to be named; that the Grand Chaplains be requested to attend, and offer up appropriate Prayers to the Throne of Grace, and that the Grand Master or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master be pleased to deliver an address suitable to the Occasion.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to give timely Notice to the Subordinate Lodges Under this Grand Lodges Jurisdiction, that they may participate in these Solemnities; also that Invitations be forwarded to the Grand Lodges of the adjacent States for the Same purpose.

Resolved, that a Committee of Five be Appointed to Assist the Grand Officers in Carrying the same into effect.

On Motion of Bro. Toland and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to Convene the Masters of the different Lodges in the City and County on Monday Evening next, to whom shall be referred the above Resolutions to Report thereon on the first Monday of next Month (November).

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at Nine o'clock to Meet again on the first Monday in November.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, November 2nd, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	Ge^o. M. Dallas,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	T. B. Freeman,	"	Dep^y. G. M.
"	Robt. Toland,	"	Senr. G. W.
"	John M. Read,	"	Junr. G. W.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Gr. Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Gr. Secretary.
"	George S. Schott,	Gr^d.	Sword Bearer.
"	Francis Cooper,	"	Marshal.
"	W^m. Mayweg,	"	Senr. Deacon.
"	J. Dickson,	"	Junr. Deacon.
"	C. Baker,	"	Pursuivant.

Past Grand Masters Kittera and Nisbet.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 21, 197, 203, 106 and 217 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Committee of Finance Reported, that they had examined the Account of the Hall Committee for 1831 and Compared it with the accompanying Vouchers and found the same to be Correct.

The Grand officers to whom was referred the Subject of the Remission of Dues to delinquent Lodges, and also the Letter of Bro. Fortune Chaffin relative to the occupancy of the Cellar of the Washington Hall as a Refectory, Reported,

That in their opinion it is proper that the Subject of delinquent Lodges be laid over Until after the Grand Lodge shall occupy their Hall in Third Street. And, that it is inexpedient to Rent any part of the Said Premises at this time.

Which Report was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The following Report was Received and Read, Viz:

The Committee consisting of the Masters of Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia to whom was referred the Resolutions respecting a Procession of the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the Dedication of the New Hall,

Respectfully Report,

That the Committee met according to the Resolution of the Grand Lodge on Monday last and it was agreed that the Meet-

ing should be adjourned until Friday Evening for the purpose of giving Time to the Members to make the necessary Enquiries among the Members of their respective Lodges. The Committee met in pursuance of their adjournment on Friday Evening, Ten Lodges were represented and it appeared that of the Number present Five were in favor of a Public Procession and Five were in favor of Consecrating the Hall without, and of a Festival, at which the Brethren generally were to be Invited to be present.

It was then agreed to Meet on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and there were Fourteen Lodges Represented at this Meeting. Upon the question being put it was found that the Committee was again equally divided, Seven being in favor of and Seven against the Procession and it was therefore on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,

That the Proceedings of this Committee be Reported to the R. W. Grand Lodge that it may take order thereon.

Signed. ROBT. TOLAND, Chn.
SAML. M. STEWART,
Gr. Secty. and Secty. of the Com.

Philada., Nov. 2d, 1835.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was adopted.

The following Resolution was offered by Bro. R. R. Moore and Seconded:

Resolved, That, the Grand and Subordinate Lodges proceed to take possession of their New Hall by a Public Procession.

Bro. J. R. Chandler Moved the Indefinite Postponement of the foregoing Resolution, which being Seconded, was put to Vote when it appeared there were 18 for and 48 against the Postponement.

The Question was then put on the Resolution of Bro. Moore when it appeared there were 32 for and 34 against it.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 7th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. GEORGE M. DALLAS, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Depy. Gr. Master.
" John M. Read, " Senr. G. Warden, P. T.
" Charles Stout, " Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" R. R. Moore, " Grd. Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grd. Secretary.
" G. S. Schott, Grd. Sword Bearer.
" F. Cooper, Grd. Marshal.
" J. S. Riley, Senr. Grd. Deacon.
" J. W. Dickson, Junr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.
" Grd. Pursuivant.

Past Grd. Masters, Randall, Kittera and Nisbet.

Lodges Nos 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 135, 136, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Thirty Three Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at Quarter before 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 7th Septr. and of the adjourned Quarterly Grand Communications of 19th Octr. and 2nd November were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were severally adopted.

Returns from No. 197 for 1833 were Received, Read and ordered to be filed. W—— C——, E—— C—— and J—— W——, S. N. P. D.

Returns from No. 19 for 1834 were Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition was Received and Read from the late officers of Lodge No. 19, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Petition of the Subscribers late officers of Lodge No. 19, held in the City of Philadelphia, respectfully represents, that at their December Meeting in 1834, they passed a Resolution appointing a Committee to hand over to the Grand Lodge, their Warrant, Jewels, &c., but as Circumstances have since Oc-

curred which makes it probable that their future Dues will be lessened, and as they can safely Calculate on Twenty Good Members, they therefore Pray the R. W. Grand Lodge to permit them to hold an Election for Officers and reorganize previous to St. Johns day next, and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound, &c.

Philad^a., Decr. 7th, 1835.

(Signed) DAVID WOODRUFF, W. M.
W^M. ADAIR, S. W.
Y. D. DOUGHERTY, J. W.
JOHN BRADLEY, Treas.
A. MONTGOMERY, Sect^y.

On Motion and Seconded, it was Resolved, that leave be and it is hereby Granted to Lodge N°. 19, to hold an Election for officers of Said Lodge and reorganize Previous to St. Johns day next and Report the same to the Grand Lodge.

A Petition was Received and Read from Lodge N°. 50, held at West Chester, Praying for leave to dispense with the Labors and Meetings of the Lodge for Two Years from the date thereof (Septr. 20th, 1835).

Signed. JESSE CONARD and DAVID CARR, Committee.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was resolved, that Lodge N°. 50, held at West Chester, be and they are hereby permitted to dispense with the Labors and Meetings of the Said Lodge for Two Years from the Date of their Petition (Septr. 20th, 1835), and that the Lodge be exempt from Grand Lodge Dues for that time.

The following were Received and Read from late Rising Star Lodge, N°. 126, Viz:

Extract from the Minutes of Rising Star Lodge, N°. 126.

Stated Meeting, January 22nd, 1833.

It was moved and Seconded, that Bye Law N°. 11, be amended by Striking out the Words, "exclusive of the Grand Lodge Dues", which Resolution was ordered to be laid on the Table until the next Stated Night of Meeting.

The W. Master announced the Death of Past Master Samuel Durbarrow.

The Resignation of Bro. Owin Bailey was received and accepted.

Stated Meeting, February 26th, 1833.

The Resolution to Amend Bye Laws No. 11 was adopted.

The W. Master directed the Secretary to enter upon his Minutes, that George Seaman, a Member of this Lodge had been lost at Sea.

On Motion it was ordered that Bro. J—— C—— be Struck from the List of Members of this Lodge.

On Motion the following Brethren, Members of this Lodge were expelled for non Payment of Dues: E—— J. L——, J—— H. K——, J—— P. S——, B—— S——, A—— M—— and W—— H. J——.

Philadelphia, April 2d, 1833.

Attest

[SEAL] Wm. King,
Secty.

Philadelphia, February 3rd, 1834.

Bro. John M. Read,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

At a Stated Meeting of Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, held at the Masonic Hall on the 28th January, 1834, it was Resolved,

That it is expedient for this Lodge to surrender its Warrant.

On Motion it was Resolved, (provided the R. W. Grand Lodge sanction the proceedings) that Bros. M. Nisbet, E. Douglass and H. David, be a Commission to receive and Collect the Dues from the Members of this Lodge; and to Compromise and give acquittance to such as are Unable to Pay, And to Pay their Receipts to the Grand Treasurer from Time to Time as they make Collections. And also to Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge such members as they believe deserve expulsion for non Payment.

On Motion, Resolved, that the proper officers of this Lodge Inventory the Property thereof and Surrender the same, with the Funds of the Lodge and its Warrant to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

In Compliance with the foregoing I Enclose the Inventory made by Bro. Schneider, (as Tyler of the Grand Lodge), of all

the Property belonging to it, (save the Cash and outstanding Debts), and have placed the same in his Custody as Grand Tyler.

As soon as the Secretary and Treasurer accounts can be Settled, the Cash will be Paid over and a list of the outstanding Debts furnished.

Very Respectfully Yours, &c., &c.,

MICHAEL NISBET,
Late W. Master.

Enclosing Inventory of Property Signed.

CHA^s. SCHNEIDER.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Communication rec^d. from late Lodge N°. 126, were Ordered to be placed on the Minutes of the Gr^d. Lodge.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky was Received and Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 187, was received and Referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of Officers, The Grand Lodge Proceeded to Ballot for them, when it appeared that the following Brethren (Bro. George M. Dallas having declined a Re-Election) were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro. T. B. Freeman, R. W. Grand Master.
Bro. Robt. Toland, R. W. Dep^y. Gr^d. Master.
Bro. John M. Read, R. W. Senr. Gr^d. Warden.
Bro. Saml. H. Perkins, R. W. Junr. G^r. Warden.
Bro. R. R. Moore, R. W. Gr^d. Treasurer.
Bro. Saml. M. Stewart, R. W. Gr^d. Secretary.

In Pursuance of a Resolution adopted on the 7th Septr. last, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest, when it appeared the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro. Saml. Wonderly.
Joseph S. Riley.
George M. Dallas.
Thomas Biddle, and
Thomas Kittera.

The Committee on Purchase and Sale made the following Report, which was read.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee on Purchase and Sale, to whom was referred the Subject of Preparing the Hall in South Third Street, beg leave to Report,

That they have received from the Committee of the Franklin Institute in Two Several Payments, the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

They have not yet delivered to the Institute the Deed of the Masonic Hall, in consequence of the necessity supposed to exist of applying the Seal of the Grand Lodge to a Paper exonerating the Institute from Responsibilities on account of the Debt and Mortgages of the Grand Lodge which may be Liens upon the Hall. As the Grand Lodge are Unable to Give the Institute possession of the Hall in Season for the Commencement of alterations, the Committee of the Institute propose that the Grand Lodge shall retain Possession Under Lease of the Masonic Hall Until the 1st of March, 1836, paying 5 Per Cent. Interest on the $15.000 already received and not Charging Interest Until March upon the Mortgages, the Grand Lodge receiving all Rents Accruing in the Hall until that time.

The Committee have Paid on account of the Hall in South Third Street the Sum of 8998\frac{34}{100}$ and have received the Deeds.

The Sum of Sixteen Hundred Dollars appropriated by the Grand Lodge towards the alterations of the New Hall will be soon expended, and the Bills for Masons Work, Lumber, Bricks, &c., &c., will require early attention. Your Committee therefore ask for an Appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars to be drawn for by them Under the prescribed restrictions.

The Committee have pleasure in Stating to the Grand Lodge, that the Hall in South Third Street will be ready for their accommodation and the Subordinate Lodges on St. Johns Day the 27th Ins$^{t.}$ The Room intended for the Chapters and Extra Lodges will it is found not be completed so soon. In making the Arrangements for the Alterations of the New Hall, your Committee in Consequence of the absence of Architects who are Masons, applied to Thomas U. Walter, Esq$^{r.}$ for advice. M$^{r.}$ Walters though not a Free Mason attended with the

Committee, made Drawings of the Plans, Calculated the Strength of Support and the Cost of Alterations, and offered his Aid in any way which might be Useful to the Committee. Sensible of the advantages resulting from M^r. Walters gratuitous aid and advice, your Committee recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following Resolutions, Viz:

Resolved,

That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania be Presented to Thomas U. Walter, Esqr., Architect, for his Liberality in Aiding Gratuitously the Committee of this Body in adapting Washington Hall in South Third Street to their Views.

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to Attach the Seal of the Grand Lodge to a Paper exonerating the Franklin Institute from responsibilities on account of the Debt and Mortgages of the Grand Lodge which may be Liens upon the Hall.

Resolved, That the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for Carrying on the Repairs to the Washington Hall in South Third Street to be drawn for by the Chairman of the Committee Under the Usual restrictions.

(Signed) JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,
Chairman.

Philad^a., Decr. 7th, 1835.

The above Report having been Read the Resolutions thereunto attached were on Motion made and Seconded, adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Proposition of the Franklin Institute to the Committee on Purchase and Sale relative to the time when Possession should be given of the Masonic Hall be referred to that Committee in Conjunction with the Trustees of the Real Estate with Power to Act.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10¼ o'clock, P. M. to Meet again next Monday the 14th.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decr. 14th. A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. Gr^d. Master, P. T.
" J. M. Read, " Dep^y. G^r. Master, P. T.
" Chas. Stout, " Senr. G^r. Warden, P. T.
" Dickson, " Junr. G^r. Warden, P. T.
" W^m. Mayweg, " G^r. Treasurer, P. T.
" J. M. Stewart, " G^r. Secretary.
" Joseph S. Riley, Senr. Gr^d. Deacon.
" P. R. Howard, Junr. " " P. T.
" G. S. Schott, Gr^d. Sword Bearer.
" F. Cooper, " Marshal.
" E. S. Gandy, " Pursuivant, P. T.
Past Grand Master Bro. Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 135, 158 and 187 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in due Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

General Returns for 1835 were rec^d. and Read from Lodge N°. 59, G—— W. M^cL—— and S. C——, S. N. P. D. and ordered to be filed.

General Returns were also Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from Lodge N°. 135, held at Manyunk for the years 1832, 1833, 1834 and 1835. In 1832, J—— W——, J—— B——, S. N. P. D. J—— R——, Expelled for Unmasonic Conduct. In 1835, N—— H——, J—— L. Y——, W—— S——, H—— S—— and E—— F——, S. N. P. D.

The following Communication was Received and Read from Lodge N°. 135 held at Manyunk.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Petition of the Subscribers, Officers, Past Masters and Members of Lodge N°. 135, respectfully sheweth,

That in Consequence of the Extraordinary and Unmasonic Conduct of Two different Treasurers of N°. 135, One of whom is a Defaulter about Five Hundred Dollars, the other One

Hundred and Thirty Dollars, together with Misfortunes the Fraternity have all been Subject to for some time past, and which have been Seriously felt by us, we have been Unable for Some time back to Pay our Grand Lodge Dues. Our Lodge like many others has "fallen upon Evil times" but regardless of Foes without and Unworthy defaulting Treasurers within the Lodge, a few of us have Stuck to it, Upheld and Sustained it through Evil and through Good Report, with an Arduous resolution and Perseverance Worthy of the Cause, and are still resolutely determined to do so, *Come what May.* It is with Great Pleasure we Inform the R. W. Grand Lodge that our Efforts and Perseverance in the Good Cause are now being Crowned with Success and that our Increase lately and prospects for the future, are much Greater than at any Period in the last Fifteen Years. A new Era has commenced in our Lodge, and that our Spirits may not be damped by the Debt due the Grand Lodge which it is Utterly Impossible for us to Pay, We Earnestly Pray that the R. W. Grand Lodge in View of our *Peculiar* Unfortunate Case, will Exonerate us from the Payment of all back Dues previous to 1835. As some Inducement for the Grand Lodge so to do, and as an Earnest of our Punctuality in future we have Paid to the Grand Secretary the Dues for the Current year Amounting to Twenty Six Dollars.

That the R. W. Grand Lodge may look favorably upon our peculiar Case, and grant our Petition is the ardent desire of its Petitioners, who as in Duty Bound will ever Pray.

(Signed) Chas. V. Hagner, P. M.
John Whitehead, P. M.
Benjn. F. Peterman, P. M.
Wm. Leckey.
Saml. Lawson, P. M.

Philada., Decr. 14th, 1835.

On Motion of P. G. Master Bro. Kittera and Seconded, the Prayer of the Petitioners on behalf of Lodge No. 135 was Granted.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was received, Read, and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Submit a Statement

of the Receipts and Payments of the Third Quarter Ending the Thirtieth of September, 1835.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	. . . . .	354.93
Hall,	Rec^d. for lower Rooms, . .	192.34
Gas,	" for Gas, ...	68.93
Dispensations,	"	20.00
Certificates,	"	8.00
		$644.20

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders p^d. for 1st July, 1834, .	6.00
" " 1 Jany. 1835, .	9.00
" " 1 July, . .	1032.50
	1047.50
Hall for Sundry Expenses, ...	61.52
Gas " " "	69.06
Grand Secretary, Salary and Allowances, . .	200.00
Superintendent, "	75.00
Grand Tyler, " and Allowances, . .	49.50
Incidental translating Spanish Papers for Lodge No^o. 217, ...	15.00
	$1517.58
Expenses Exceed Receipts, ...	$873.38

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philadelphia, Decr. 14th, 1835.

(Signed) S. Wonderly, Ch^n., J. W. Dickson, Enos. S. Gandy, } Comm^ee. F.

The following Letter was rec^d. and Read and on Motion of Past Grand Master Bro. Kittera, it was Resolved, that when the Grand Lodge adjourn it adjourn to meet on Monday Evening next for the Purpose of Electing a Deputy Grand Master.

Philad^a., Decr. 14th. 1835.

Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr.,
Grand Secretary.

Dear Sir,

The Death of one of my Children and the Illness of another will again prevent my Meeting the Grand Lodge this Evening.

I feel deeply sensible of the Good Opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge in Electing me to the Office of Deputy Grand Master, and shall feel ever Grateful for the Honor Conferred on me, but Circumstances seem to make it proper for me to decline the appointment.

I therefore beg you respectfully to Communicate this determination to the Grand Lodge, with an assurance of my Unabated Love for the Order and Respect for the Principles of it.

I am very respectfully,

(Signed) Robt. Toland.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That a Committee of Nine be appointed in Conjunction with the Grand officers to make the Necessary Arrangements for the Dedication of the New Hall in South Third Street on St. Johns Day Next.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint on Said Committee.

Bro.	L. Keating	of N^o.	2.
"	C. McCaraher	" "	3.
"	W. B. Watson	" "	9.
"	E. S. Gandy	" "	59.
"	Chas. Stout	" "	67.
"	J. A. Philips	" "	71.
"	W. Mayweg	" "	125.
"	F. Cooper	" "	130.
"	A. Mason	" "	158.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at ¼ Past 8 o'clock in the Evening Until Monday Evening next.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec$^{r.}$ 20$^{th.}$ A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. G. M., P. T.
" J. M. Read, " " Dep$^{y.}$ G. M., P. T.
" S. H. Perkins, " " Sen$^{r.}$ G. W., P. T.
" W$^{m.}$ Stephens, " " Jun$^{r.}$ " " P. T.
" R. R. Moore, " " G$^{r.}$ Treasurer.
" Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, " " G$^{r.}$ Secretary.
" Joseph S. Riley, Sen$^{r.}$ Gr. Deacon.
" W$^{m.}$ B. Watson, Jun$^{r.}$ G$^{r.}$ Deacon, P. T.
" G. S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" F. Cooper, " Marshal.
" " Pursuivant.

Past Grand Masters Kittera and Randall.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, 52, 59, 67, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 135, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty Seven Lodges being Represented Grand Lodge was opened in due Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

General Returns for 1835 from the following Lodges were received, Read and ordered to be Filed, Viz:

N$^{o.}$ 67, Philad$^{a.}$ H—— B——, S. N. P. D. P—— R——, Victualler, Age 35, Broad Street between Race and Vine, West Side, Rejected.
" 186, ditto. D—— F. A——, J—— S. K——, N—— M——, J—— R——, A—— S——, B—— Y——, T—— W——, J—— S——, J—— Z. B——.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodges N$^{o.}$ 121 and N$^{o.}$ 186 be and they are hereby Authorized to Instal their Masters and other officers at their next Stated Meeting.

The Committee on Purchase and Sale in Conjunction with the Trustees of the Real Estate to whom was referred the Proposition of the Franklin Institute relative to the time when Possession of the Masonic Hall should be given offered the following, Viz:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee to whom was referred the Proposition of the Franklin Institute in relation to the Grand Lodge not having delivered Possession of the Masonic Hall to the Franklin Institute at the time agreed upon,

Respectfully Report:

That the Committee in discharge of their Duty deemed it expedient to obtain from the Franklin Institute their propositions in Writing, which was accordingly done, and they are herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge for their Information.

The Committee are of Opinion, as the Grand Lodge was Unable to give possession of the Masonic Hall to the Franklin Institute at the time agreed upon, that the propositions made by the Franklin Institute are Fair and Reasonable and ought to be Complied with by the Grand Lodge.

They therefore Report the Subjoined Resolution:

Resolved, That the Propositions of the Franklin Institute to the Grand Lodge annexed to this Report be and they are hereby agreed to and that possession of the Masonic Hall shall be delivered to the Franklin Institute on the first day of March next; and that the Committee be and they are hereby authorized to deliver the Deed and Papers for the Masonic Hall to the Franklin Institute and to receive from them the Bonds and Mortgages on that day or at any time previous which they may deem most expedient.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, Ch$^{r.}$
B. NEWCOMB.

Dec$^{r.}$ 19^{th,} 1835.

The following Letter accompanied the above, Viz:

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 18^{th,} 1835.

Thomas Kittera, Esq$^{r.,}$

My Dear Sir,

In compliance with the Wish expressed by you, that I should submit to you in Writing the proposition of the Committee of the Franklin Institute, in relation to the Terms of Transfer of the Masonic Hall In Chestnut Street, I state as follows:

1$^{st.}$ Possession of the Entire Buildings and Premises annexed to be delivered over to the Franklin Institute by the Grand

Lodge on the 1st day of March, 1st of April or 1st of May as the Grand Lodge may prefer.

2nd. The Rents, Issues and Profits of the Building up to the day of Delivery of Possession to belong to the Grand Lodge.

3d. The Grand Lodge to allow to the Franklin Institute, Interest at the rate of Five pr. Cent. per annum on the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (already Paid) from the days on which the Several Instalments thereof were Paid respectively, Until the Day of Delivery of Possession and to exonerate the Institute from all claims of Interest upon the Mortgages and Bonds up to the said day of Delivery of Possession.

4th. The Payment of the instalment of $20,000 to be deferred until the said day of Delivery of Possession, but all Subsequent Instalments to remain Payable as in the Previous agreement on the 1st day of January of every Second Year.

5th. The Franklin Institute to Pay to the Grand Lodge (if not already Paid) the Bill due for Rent of the Masonic Hall for the exhibition in October last, on the Usual Terms.

6th. The Policy of Insurance to be assigned over to the Institute on the day of the Exchange of the Deeds, Mortgages, &c., and on such assignment being made (with the approbation of the Insurance Company) the Institute to Pay to the Grand Lodge the Premium for the same at the Par Value without any deduction.

7th. Upon these Terms we will Exchange the Deeds and Mortgages and agreement of Guarantee which have been mutually approved of, they may be exchanged at once, or on the day of the delivery of Possession at the Pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

I remain Very Truly Yrs.,

(Signed) W. H. Keating.

On Motion and Seconded, the Report and Resolution of the Commee. on Purchase and Sale in Conjunction with the Trustees of the Real Estate were Adopted.

A Number of Resolutions relating to the financial Concerns of the Grand Lodge were offered by Bro. Riley which on Motion of P. M. Bro. Kittera and Seconded, were referred to the Committee of Finance to report thereon, and what other meas-

ures they deem necessary relative to the Finances of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Grand Lodge then went into an Election for Deputy Grand Master in the Room of Bro. R. Toland who declined serving per his Letter read Decr. 14th.

Whereupon, Bro. John M. Read was declared duly Elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge then Proceeded to Ballot for Senr. Grand Warden, whereupon, Brother Saml. H. Perkins was declared duly Elected R. W. Senr. Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge then Proceeded to Ballot for Junr. Grand Warden, Whereupon, Brother William Stephens was declared duly Elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Grand Lodge closed at half Past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

PHILAD^A, Monday, December 28th, A. L. 5835, A. D. 1835.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Dedication
and
Consecration of Washington Hall in South Third St.

Present:

Bro. GEORGE M. DALLAS, R. W. Grand Master.
" T. B. Freeman, " Dep^y. Gr. Master.
" John M. Read, " Senr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " Junr. Gr. Warden, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" Ge^o. S. Schott, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Francis Cooper, " Marshal.
" Joseph S. Riley, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" W^m. Stephens, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" J. A. Phillips, Gr^d. Pursuivant, P. T.
" Ge^o. C. Potts, R. Piggott and W. T. Sproale, Grand Chaplains.
P. G. M. Bro. B. Newcomb.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211 and 135 represented.

Twenty Eight Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at ½ Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Grand Secretary Stated, that the Architect had Compleated the Hall, and was desirous of surrendering up the Implements of Architecture which had been Committed to his Care when he Commenced the Undertaking.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler on behalf of the Architect and Committee of Superintendence Addressed the Grand Master, Returned Thanks for the Honor Conferred on him, and the Brethren Composing the Committee and after a very Beautiful and Impressive Speech on the Purity and Benevolence of the order, expressed a Hope that the manner in which the Work had been executed would Meet the Approbation of the R. W. Grand Master and of the Fraternity, and requested Permission to deliver up the Implements of Architecture.

The R. W. Grand Master then expressed his high Approbation of the Conduct of the Architect and of the Committee of Superintendence, directed the Grand Wardens to receive the Implements which was done, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary informed the R. W. Grand Master, that it was the wish of the Fraternity to have the Hall dedicated to the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry.

The R. W. Grand Master thereupon Commanded his Grand Officers, and requested the R. W. Past Grand Officers to assist in that Solemnity.

A Dedication Prayer was then offered up by one of the Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Officers then made a Procession round the Lodge three Times formed and Conducted by the Grand Marshal in the following Order, Viz:

Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Grand Master.
" " Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Chaplains.

Grand Senior and Junior Wardens.
" Treasurer and Secretary.
Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Senr. and Junr. Deacons.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Pursuivant.

at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Strewing Corn over the Lodge declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To the Grand Architect of the Universe and to Masonry, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge three times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Wine over the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Virtue and to Science, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honours were given as before.

The Grand Officers again made a Procession round the Lodge Three Times, at the End of which the R. W. Grand Master Pouring Oil on the Lodge, declared in Solemn Form, the Hall Dedicated To Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being Proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the Grand Honors were given as before.

A Consecration Prayer was then offered up by One of the Grand Chaplains and the R. W. Grand Master returned to Solomons Chair.

During the Ceremony of Dedication the following Odes were Sung by Several of the Brethren.

First Ode.

Hail! Masonry Divine!
Glory of Ages Shine! &c.

Second Ode.

Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science,
Which to Discord bids Defiance; &c.

Third Ode.

When Earth's Foundation first was laid
By the Almighty Artist's Hand, &c.

Praise the Grand Master.
A Masonic Canon for Four Voices, Composed
by Doct^r. G. R. Jackson.
"Praise the Grand Master of the Universal Lodge."

The R. W. Grand Master Bro. George M. Dallas, then addressed by the Grand Lodge in a Strain of Solemn Eloquence, in which he most feelingly referred to the Embarrassing situation in which the Enemies of Free Masonry had placed the Order. He called upon the Brethren to Suppress all Feelings of Unkindness, to Hush all Animosities towards Opponents and to remember that the Ceremonies which they had just Witnessed were no Idle Pageants, that the dedication of the Hall to "Universal Benevolence" shewed that in our good Feelings all Mankind were Concerned, while we as Masons Carefully adhered to the Duties we had Assumed, that we were not to overlook the fact that Love to God and obedience to the Laws of the Land were Part and Parcel of the Duties which Masons owe each other and which Masonry Solemnly and Invariably Inculcates upon her Children.

On Motion of Bro. John M. Read and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Master for the Eloquent, Able and Dignified Address just delivered by him to the Fraternity assembled on this Solemn yet Gratifying occasion.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph R. Chandler and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to Bro^r. James Howard, an Invited Brother, Bro. Dickson of N°. 114, Bro^r. Knight and Liner of N°. 187 and Bro^s. W. and S. Ashmead of N°. 2, who by their Musical Talents, added so much to the Beauty, Harmony and Solemnity of the Present Occasion.

On Motion of Bro. P. G. Master Newcomb and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the Committee on Purchase and Sale Under whose Superintendence this Hall has been so admirably adapted to Masonic Purposes.

On Motion of Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins and Seconded, it was Resolved Unanimously,

That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby Tendered to our reverend Brethren Geo. C. Potts, Rob$^{t.}$ Piggott, W. T. Sprole and Norman Nash for their assistance in the Solemnities of Dedication.

So much of the Minutes of the 7th and 20th In$^{t.}$ (Grand Quarterly and Extra Communications) as relates to the Election of Officers, being Read, and all the Officers being Present, they were Severally Installed into their respective offices and being duly Proclaimed, received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro.	T. B. Freeman,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John M. Read,	"	Deputy G. M.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ Gr. Warden.
"	W$^{m.}$ Stephens,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ Gr. Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,	"	Gr. Secretary.

On Motion of Bro. F. Cooper and Seconded, it was Resolved, that a Committee of Five be Appointed to receive the amount Collected on the Centennial Anniversary of Masonry in Penn$^{a.}$ with further Authority to Solicit Donations from Lodges and Members within this Masonic jurisdiction, and as soon as a sufficient sum shall have been Collected, to have a Likeness of Lafayette Painted by an Eminent Artist, and to have the same put up in a Conspicuous place in the Grand Lodge Room.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint on Said Committee Bro$^{s.}$ F. Cooper, Ge$^{o.}$ Fox, W. Mayweg, S. Wonderly and A. Quinton.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

No. 125, Philad$^{a.}$ F—— G——, S. N. P. D.
" 115, d$^{o.}$ W—— H—— and J—— C——.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past One o'clock, P. M.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr$^{d.}$ Sect.

MONDAY, March 7th, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	J. M. Read,	" "	Deputy G. M.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	" "	Senr. G. W.
"	Wm. Stephens,	" "	Junr. G. W.
"	Chas. Stout,	" "	Grd. Treasurer, P. T.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	" "	Grd. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Depy. Gr. Secretary, P. T.		
"	Alexr. Quinton, Senr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.		
"	John Y. Black, Junr. Gr. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Chas. Remington, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.		
"	Wm. B. Watson, Grand Marshal, P. T.		
"	J. D. Moore, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.		
"	Piggott and Nash, Grand Chaplains.		
"	Randall and Nisbet, Past Grand Masters.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 135, 155, 158, 186 and 211 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication Decr. 7th, 1835, the Adjourned Quarterly Grd. Comn. Decr. 14th, the Extra Adjourned Quarterly Grd. Comn. Decr. 20th, and of the Annual Grand Communication Decr. 28th were Read, and on Motion made and Seconded, were Severally adopted.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, Viz:

Bro.	Joseph R. Chandler, Senr. Grand Deacon.	
"	George S. Schott, Junr. Grand Deacon.	
"	George C. Potts,	Grand Chaplains.
"	Robt. Piggott,	
"	Norman Nash,	
"	Lambert Keating,	Grand Stewards.
"	Wm. Mayweg,	

Bro. Chas. Remington, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Wm. B. Watson, Grand Marshal.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Grand Pursuivant.
" Chas. Schnider, Grand Tyler.

Grand Committees.

Committee of Finance.

Bros. Britton White, Enos S. Gandy, J. W. Dickson, John Thomson and Edwd. Ewing.

Committee of Charity.

Bros. Charles Stout, Saml. Webb, No. 3, R. Desilver, Francis Cooper and John Y. Black.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bros. James M. Broome, Wm. Badger and J. A. Phillips.

Committee to Examine the Transactions of the Past Year and Select for Publication.

Bros. David C. Skerritt, C. V. Hagner and E. W. Keyser.

Committee to Examine the Bye Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Bros. Saml. Davis, Alva Mason and S. W. Stewart.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Kingsbury of Sheshequin, Bradford Co., for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.
Bro. Nathl. W. Sample, Junr. of Lancaster Co., for the County of Lancaster.
Bro. Robert Goodloe Harper of Gettysburg, for the Counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Adams.
Bro. Francis B. Nicholls of Schuylkill Co., for the County of Schuylkill.
Bro. Daniel Herr of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Bro. James Kelton of New London × Roads, for the Counties of Chester and Delaware.

Bro. Henry Lenhart of Williamsport, Lycoming Co., for the Counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Columbia.

Bro. Stephen Barlow of Meadville, Crawford Co., for the Counties of Crawford, Mercer, Erie, Warren and Venango.

Bro. Francis R. Shunk, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.

Bro. Robert Clarke of Brownsville, for the Counties of Washington, Fayette and Green.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton Co., for the Counties of Northampton, Pike and Lehigh.

The R. W. Grand Secretary Nominated Bro. John Thomson as Deputy Grand Secretary which nomination was Unanimously Approved.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received and Read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.,

The Committee of Finance to whom was handed the Accounts of Bro. Saml. H. Thomas, late Grand Secretary for the 3rd and 4th Quarters of 1831 respectfully Report.

That though Unable to offer any definite Statement of the Balance between Bro. Thomas and the Grand Lodge, they have made much enquiry and beg leave to communicate the results. At the end of the 2nd Quarter of 1831, a balance appears to be due Bro. Thomas of $\$1637\frac{25}{100}$, at that time the Committee in consequence of the deranged state of Bro. Thomas's Books, were unable to State *positively* the Amount. By Bro. Thomas's last account for the 3d and 4th Quarter of 1831 the Balance in his favor appears to be $\$4286\frac{63}{100}$ but that Balance arises from Items which your Committee deem inadmissable. From Conversation had with Bro. Thomas, it is Understood that he claims not only the above mentioned balance, but also Interest thereupon to the Present time; he asserts that he was not unfrequently considerably in advance, for Interest Paid by him on account of the Grand Lodge, and the Books would Seem to Sustain the assertion, but it also appears that at the time Bro. Thomas was advancing the Interest, the Grand Treasurer had

in his hands considerable available Sums, so that the advance is the result of an irregular mode of doing Business, rather than of any deficiency in the Treasury. Interest on such advances cannot, in the opinion of your Committee, be justly Charged.

For the Years 1830 and 1831 Bro. Thomas has Charged his Salary at $800 p^r. Annum, when, as will appear by the Report of the Finance Committee for October 1831, he had agreed to deduct $300 from that Sum. By the Books of the Gr^d. Lodge, W. Bonnafon formerly a Tenant, is a Debtor for 628\frac{25}{100}$ but M^r. Bonnafon asserts that he Paid Bro. Thomas in full. Bro^r. Thomas says that he had a Settlement with M^r. Bonnafon at one time and Paid him 14\frac{39}{100}$ which would Increase the debt of M^r. Bonnafon to 642\frac{64}{100}$ against that Amount Bro. Thomas allows a Bill or Bills for Repairs by order of the Grand Lodge for Painting Settees, repairing and reframing Glasses, Dying Curtains, &c., &c., reducing the Balance against M^r. Bonnafon to $270, which Amount Bro. Thomas admits may have been paid to him. Your Committee are wholly Unable to give any Satisfactory explanation of the State of this demand against M^r. Bonnafon.

It is evident to your Committee that there must be charges against Bro. Thomas which do not appear in the account that he renders, Viz: For receipts for Certificates, Dispensations, Ahiman Rezon and from District Deputy Grand Masters, &c., of these Amounts your Committee have no means of forming any satisfactory estimate.

Bro. Thomas has charges for Printing, Stationery, &c., not included in Extra Allowances, there are also charges for Books and fixtures for office. These accounts, were if they appeared reasonable, your Committee have no Authority to allow.

With reference to Bro. Thomas's Claim for Interest, it Seems proper to your Committee that when he was in advance for the Grand Lodge on acct. of the deficiency of Funds he should be allowed Interest up to the time of Settlement. But as the entire disorder of the Accounts of Gr. Lodge arising out of the Negligence of Bro. Thomas, renders it difficult to say when Money was necessarily advanced by him; it does not afford a strong evidence of his claim for Interest up to the present time,

especially as that negligence prevented a Settlement of his Accounts at the close of his official Services.

With this Candid Confession of their Inability to Arrive by the Books and Papers of Bro. Thomas at any Certain Conclusion as to his accounts, and still less at the admission of his claims, Your Committee have deemed it their Duty to make the above Statement and respectfully recommend to the Gr. Lodge the Appointment of a Special Committee, who with an equal Number to be appointed by the Claimants shall audit and adjust the accounts of Bro. Thomas with the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philad$^{a.}$, March 5$^{th.}$ 1836.

S. Wonderly,
J. R. Chandler,
E. S. Gandy,
John Thomson, } Com$^{ee.}$

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the above Report be adopted and that all Matters at Variance between the Grand Lodge and Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ H. Thomas, late Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary and all others claiming Under him, be referred to Bro$^{s.}$ W$^{m.}$ Page, Britton White, Edw$^{d.}$ Ewing, John S. Riddle, James Page and R. Hutchinson, who shall have Power if necessary to choose an Umpire, a decision of a Majority of whom to be final and Conclusive on both Parties, and that all Books and Papers necessary, be referred to them. Bro. Randall on behalf of the Claimants Submitted the following named Brethren as referees, Viz: Joseph S. Lewis, John S. Riddle, and James Page and in the event of any of these three last named declining to Serve the following Brethren are Named as Substitutes, Viz: John K. Kane, R. Hutchinson and Jas. M. Linnard.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, Read and Ordered to be Filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance beg leave to Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the 4th Quarter ending the 27th December, 1835.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, ...		271.25
Hall rec$^{d.}$ of Old Hall Comm^{ee} bal$^{e.}$ due, . .		42.13
Ditto for Rent of lower Rooms, ...		674.24
Gas " Gas Sold, ...		171.84
Dispensations rec$^{d.}$ diff$^{t.}$ times, ...		15.00
Certificates " " "		12.00
Masonic Hall in Chestnut St. rec 1st Payment of Franklin Institute, ...		15000.00
		16186.46

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .	105.00	
Hall, for Sundry repairs, . . .	59.69	
Gas, " Expenses, ...	204.35	
Gr. Sec$^{y.}$ Salary and Allowances, .	200.00	
G$^{r.}$ Tyler, " " .	57.00	
Superintendent for 3 Mo$^{s.,}$ . .	75.00	
Washington Hall p$^{t.}$ on Acc$^{t.}$ Purchase, ...	8995.34	
Ditto for Alterations, . . .	2010.98	
		11710.36
		$4476.10

leaving a Balance in the hands of G$^{r.}$ Treas., .	3229.21
G$^{r.}$ Sect$^{y.,}$.	787.
Building Com$^{ee.,}$.	589.02
	$4605.23

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Feb$^{y.}$ 13^{th,} 1836.

S. Wonderly, Ch$^{n.}$
E. S. Gandy,
John Thomson,
} Com$^{ee.}$

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the Year 1835, Viz:

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County and elsewhere,		1707.11	
Hall, rec^d. rent of lower Rooms,		2360.89	
d^o. rec^d. of old Hall Com. am^t. due,		42.13	
Gas, for Gas Sold,		662.51	
Dispensations rec^d. diff^t. times,		75.	
Certificates, " " "		32.	
Ahiman Rezon, " " "		3.	
			4882.64

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,		2543.	
Hall for Sundry repairs,		586.73	
Gas " " "		526.26	
G^r. Sec^y. for Salary,	500.00		
for Sect^y. Trustees M. L^s.,	150.00		
for allowance for Stationery	150.00		
		800.00	
G^rd. Tyler for Salary and allowance,		208.50	
d^o. " old Balance due him,		45.	
Superintendent for Salary,		300.	
Incidental Expenses,		15.	
Late G^r. Sect^y. Am^t. p^d. him,		300.	
			5324.49
Expenses exceeding Receipts,			$441.85

to the above am^t. of deficiency is to be added the Amount due and unpaid on the Interest a/c Say about $800.00 and sundry other small amounts that generally remain Unpaid at the Close of the Year.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

S. Wonderly, Ch^n.
E. S. Gandy.
John Thomson.

Philad^a., Feby. 13th. 1836.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of accounts not being prepared to exhibit an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Payments for the Year

1836 and finding it necessary to make provision for Some of the expenditures of the Grand Lodge, respectfully Submit the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved,

That the Sum of Three Thousand, *Three Hundred and Forty Five* Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Interest on Loans and Debt to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved,

That the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Secretarys Salary and allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved,

That the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy Five* Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Tylers Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual Restrictions.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

S. WONDERLY,
J. R. CHANDLER, } Com^ee.
JOHN THOMSON,

Philad^a., March 5th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Resolutions were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the a/c of the Trustees of the Masonic Loan respectfully Report,

That having examined the Calculations in the account they find them Correct, shewing the Payment of the Loan of $20.000 and a Mortgage of $5.000 due the Estate of our deceased Bro. Girard and as the account was unaccompanied by Vouchers, your Committee submit to the Gr^d. Lodge for their adoption the following Resolution.

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be Authorized and Requested to obtain from the proper Persons the Cancelled Certificates of the Loan of $20.000 and to have Satisfaction entered on the

Mortgage of $5.000 paid to Executors of the late dec^d. Bro. Girard.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

S. WONDERLY,
JOHN THOMSON,
J. R. CHANDLER, } Com^ee.

Philad^a., March 5th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was accepted and the Resolution Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the a/c of the Trustees of the Girard Legacy respectfully report,

That they have examined the Said Account and find there is a considerable am^t. due to the Fund by the Grand Lodge for Interest, &c., and for Dividends on the Bank Stock and that the Account is rendered to the close of 1833 in order therefore that the Actual Condition of the Said Fund may be Accurately ascertained to the Close of 1835. Your Committee recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved,

That the Stocks, Monies, Accounts and other Papers be handed over to the present Trustees of the Girard Legacy and that the Said Trustees present to this Grand Lodge on or before the Stated Meeting in June next a Statement of the Actual Condition of the said Fund at the close of the Year 1835.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

S. WONDERLY,
J. R. CHANDLER, } Com^ee.
JOHN THOMSON,

Philad^a., March 5th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was Accepted and the Resolution Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.,

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Petition of Milford Lodge, N°. 82, respectfully Report,

That as the Grand Lodge will in a Short time be called upon to act on the Cases of delinquent Lodges, your Committee are of the opinion that the Case of Milford Lodge, N°. 82, should be placed upon the same footing that other Lodges are, they therefore Return the Papers relative to the Said Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WONDERLY,
J. R. CHANDLER, } Comm^ee.
JOHN THOMSON,

Philad^a., March 5th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded the above Report was Adopted.

The following Report from the Committee of Charity was Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge begs leave to present an Account of the Fund Committed to their Care up to Feby. 27th, 1836, embracing a Period of One Year; the Investments Under the Controul of the Committee was then as follows, Viz:

7 Certificates Masonic 6 p^r. Ct. Loan, . .	700.
2 d°. d°. 5 p^r. Ct. " . .	200.
2 d°. Penn^a. 5 p^r. Ct. " . .	600.
4 d°. Gas Loan Interest not Included, .	432.50
Victor Pepins Note, ...	100.
B. Dorsey and Sons Note dated Decr. 17th, 1835 at 6 p^r. Ct., ...	131.30
Deposites in the Saving Fund, ...	4.93
Cash in the Treasurers hands, ...	41.
	2209.73
Investments and Cash as per last Report Amounted to, ...	2126.43
Shewing an Increase for One Year of, . .	$83.30

Receipts and Disbursements from February 27th, 1835 to February 27th, 1836.

Receipts.

1835.			
Aug^t.	6th	Cash Interest on Penn^a. Stock, .	15.
Oct^r.	8th	d^o. d^o. on Masonic d^o. . .	26.
	29th	d^o. drawn out of the Saving Fund, .	89.
Dec^r.	17th	d^o. from Com^ee. on Purchase and Sale for J. M. Stewarts Note and Interest borrowed by him for them, ...	131.30
1836.			
Jan^y.	12	Cash Interest on Masonic Stock, .	26.
Feb^y.	6	d^o. d^o. on Penn^a. d^o., . .	15.
			$302.30

Payments.

1835.			
Oct^r.	15,	Cash Lent Com. on Purchase and Sale on S. M. Stewarts Note, .	130.
Dec^r.	17,	Cash to B. Dorsey and Son on their Note, ...	131.30
1836.			
Feb^y.	27	d^o. in the Treasurers hands, . .	41.
			$302.30

(Signed) CHA^S. STOUT.

Philad^a., March 7th, 1836.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report, that the Ledger of the Grand Lodge has been Balanced to the End of the Year 1834, the following being a transcript of the Same.

Debits.

Due from Philad^a. City and County Lodges,	8390.43
" " Country Lodges so far as Returns have been received, . . .	6143.85
" " Encampments and Mark Lodges, .	498.56
" " the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, ...	1551.50
" " " District Dep^y. Grand Masters,	146.96

Due from Disbursing and Receiving Officers and Committees, ...	1092.77
" " Miscellaneous Accounts,. . .	873.25
" " Various Trust Fund Accounts, .	24305.31
" " Various Investments, ...	58494.07
Drs.	101496.43

Credits.

Due to the Country Lodges, ...	32.03
" " District Dep^y. Grand Masters, .	30.50
" " Stockholders of the Loans . .	2636.30
" " Disbursing Officers, ...	2371.83
Total of Loans on Mortgage and Debt bearing In^t.	60179.03
Due to Ahiman Rezon, ...	16.50
" " Stephen Girard Charity Fund, .	17279.13
Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, . .	2085.43
General Expenses, ...	1.
Grand Lodge of Penn^a. due to the Gr^d. Lodge being the Balance of all other Accounts in favor of the Grand Lodge, ...	16844.68
Drs.	101496.43

The Grand Secretary wrote in October last to every Lodge Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge out of the City and County of Philad^a. and Stated their Accounts so far as he was able from the Returns received from them respectively, but few have replied to his Communication, and these in most Instances complain of the extreme Oppression they have experienced from the Enemies of the order and Stating their Total Inability to Pay up their Dues to the Grand Lodge; some of them hold out Fair Prospects, and Paying punctually in future provided their past Dues be remitted.

At the Adj^d. Grand Quarterly Com^n. March 16th. 1835, it was Resolved, that it be referred to the Grand officers to Enquire into and Report as early as practicable what Terms of compromise at the least possible loss can be effected by this Grand Lodge with the Subordinate Lodges in the City and

County who are Indebted, whereby the said Subordinate Lodges may be relieved from their present Burthensome Indebtedness.

At the Adj$^{d.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Quarterly Com$^{n.}$ Oct$^{r.}$ 19th the Grand Officers Reported, that in regard to the Lodges which are in Arrears for Dues, they had the matter Under Consideration but were not yet prepared to Report thereon.

At the Adj$^{d.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Quarterly Com$^{n.}$ November 2^{d} the Grand Officers Reported, that in their Opinion it is proper that the Subject of delinquent Lodges be laid over Until after the Grand Lodge shall occupy their Hall in Third Street.

At the Adj$^{d.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Quarterly Com$^{n.}$ Oct$^{r.}$ 19th the Grand Sect$^{y.}$ Stated that he had written Letters (Enclosing Accounts) to nearly all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and on Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that all Answers to the Same be referred to the Grand Officers.

The Grand Secretary is now Instructed by the Grand Officers to Recommend for adoption the following Resolutions, Viz:

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby Instructed to Balance the Accounts of all the Lodges in Arrears to the Grand Lodge, up to the 27th Dec$^{r.}$ 1834 by Profit and Loss, and that he be further Instructed to Inform them, Viz: Those in the City and County of Philad$^{a.}$ to Render their Returns and Pay up their Dues for the Year 1835 on or before the 1st day of June next, and those out of the City and County of Philad$^{a.}$ by the first day of September next.

Whereas,

Owing to Circumstances, many of the Lodges Under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have been obliged to Suspend their Labors for Several Years past, and have not held their Annual Election in December last, therefore

Resolved,

That leave be and it is hereby Granted to all such Lodges, to Reorganize, and Elect their Officers, provided they find themselves in a Situation to Comply with the Terms of the above Resolution.

Resolved,

That the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars Paid by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, held at Reading, (after deducting the Amount

of their Dues for 1835), be placed to the Credit of said Lodge in Payment of future dues.

Respectfully Submitted.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

Philad^a., March 7th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Report of the Grand Secretary was accepted and the Resolutions thereunto attached on behalf of the Grand Officers were Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That the Grand Lodge Cease to Occupy the Grand Lodge Room on the Third Monday of each Month, except in Case of emergency, and that Lodge N°. 115, be permitted to Occupy it on these Nights with the Understanding that in Case the Grand Lodge want it for Adjourned or Extra Communications Lodge N°. 115 shall occupy the Arch Room on such Occasions.

A Communication was Received from Bro. David Nathans, late Grand Lecturer, accompanied by an Account with the Grand Lodge exhibiting a Balance due him of $530, which on Motion made and Seconded, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The following Communication was Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

New York, Feby. 4th, 1836.

To the Grand Secretary of the Lodge in Penn^a.

From the German Union Lodge N°. 322 of New York.

Wishing you Glory and Prosperity, we Inform you that a Person by the Name of G. Schwartz, aged 40 or 42, profession a Doctor, native of Leipsig, or near Leipsig in Saxony, Germany, Size 5 feet 6 Inches, full face and Pock marked, Speaks French and very Bad English, Plays the Piano Forte and Guitar, who was admitted in our Lodge as a Brother Mason, on a Certificate from the "Golden West Kugel" of Hamburg, left our City after having defrauded several of the Brotherhood by Borrowing Money of them Under false pretences and absconding in an Unusual Manner. We Warn you of him as a dangerous Person, that he may not extend his depridations any further under a deceptive appearance, it being Under my Charge to communicate to all Lodges friendly to the Union.

I salute you with Brotherly Friendship.

CHARLES G. CHRISTMAN,
Secretary.

The Committee on Bye Laws made the following Reports which were Severally Adopted, Viz: On the additional Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 67, that any Member of the Lodge who has Paid his Initiation Fee, also Paid Six Dollars p^r. Annum for Ten Years, should thereafter be Placed on Half Dues. Approved by the Committee.

On the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 186 desiring an Alteration of the 1st Article thereof, making the time of Holding their Stated Meetings the 2nd Wednesday instead of the 3rd Thursday. Approved by the Committee.

On the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 187 the Committee recommend the Approval of the Same with the following Alterations, Viz: In Article 2nd Strike out all after the Words "According to Article 11th," and Insert from the Ahiman Rezon, Page 132, commencing at, "A Majority of the whole number" &c., and ending "shall be determined by Lot". Page 133 in Article 7th Strike out after the Words "render to the Lodge" and Continue "and Produce Vouchers, &c."

In Article 10th Insert after the Words "not Entered in this Lodge" who shall be duly Elected a Member thereof and who shall be, &c.

Again in Article 10th Insert after the Words, "not Entered and Passed in this Lodge" who shall be duly Elected a Member thereof, and therein, shall be raised, &c.

In Article 22nd Strike out the Words "and in all things Supply the Place of the deceased Father as much as in them lieth."

SAM^L. M. STEWART,
SAM^L. DAVIS, } Committee.

Philad^a., March 7th, 1836.

General Returns were Received, Read and ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

N°. 2, Philad^a. D—— P——, Exp^d. Unmasonic Conduct.
" 3, ditto. B—— J——, J—— R——, J—— T——, W—— S——, and H—— W——, S. N. D.
" 9, ditto. S—— M——, S. N. D.
" 19, ditto.
" 51, ditto.

N°. 62, Reading. D—— R——, J—— F——, J—— R. V—— R——, W—— S——, J—— R—— and W—— S——, S. N. D.
" 71, Philad^a.
" 72, ditto.
" 114, ditto. S—— H——, I—— H——, S. N. D.
" 121, ditto.
" 138, Orwigsburg for 1834 and 1835.
" 158, Philad^a.
" 187, ditto. I—— C——, T—— B——, S. N. D.
" 211, Kensington. 1833. J—— K——, M—— E——, J—— C. S——, J—— F——, G—— D——, M—— L——, W—— S——, J—— N——, S. N. D.
" 211, d°. for 1834.
" 211, d°. for 1835. M. B. D——, Rejected. J—— K——, J—— S——, R—— S—— and F—— M——, S. N. D.

On Motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That a Committee of Five be appointed to Enquire into and Report in detail at the Quarterly Grand Communication in June next,

1st. The State of the Property of the Grand Lodge, its Cost and Value.

2nd. The Annual Revenues of the Grand Lodge, Specifying the Sources from whence they are derived.

3rd. The Debts of the Grand Lodge with the Mode in which they are Secured.

4th. Annual Expenditures of the Grand Lodge.

5th. The Trust funds Under the Care of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint on the Above Committee Bro^s. John M. Read, W^m. Badger, T. Beihler, Washmead and Chas. McCaraher.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past Ten o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, March 21, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	S. H. Perkins,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Master, P. T.
"	W$^{m.}$ Stephens,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ Grand Warden, P. T.
"	Edward Ewing,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ " " "
"		"	Grand Treasurer. "
"	Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Charles Stout,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ G. Deacon, P. T.
"	Ge$^{o.}$ S. Schott,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
"		Grand	Sword Bearer.
"	W$^{m.}$ B. Watson,	"	Marshal.
"	J. D. Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

P. G. M$^{r.}$ Newcomb and Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 72, 91, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 187, and 211 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 20 Minutes past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The following Report was Received and Read, Viz:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on Purchase and Sale and the Trustees of the Real Estate respectfully Report,

That on the first day of March In$^{t.}$ the Committee waited upon the Franklin Institute of the State of Penn$^{a.}$ for the Promotion of the Mechanic Arts for the purpose of delivering to them, the Deed and Papers for the Masonic Hall and Possession of the same, and to receive from them the Bonds and Mortgages for the Balance of the Purchase Money, but they not being Prepared to Pay the Twenty Thousand Dollars on that day agreeably to the Contract, your Committee did not deliver the Deed and Papers nor Possession of the Said Hall to them.

Your Committee have had several interviews with them since and as the Result of them offer the following Resolutions, Viz.

1st. Resolved, that the Said Committee be Continued and be Authorized to deliver to the said Corporation the Deeds and Papers for the Masonic Hall and to receive from them the Bonds and Mortgages for the balance of the Purchase Money, without the Immediate Payment of the Twenty Thousand Dollars, and that the Trustees of the Real Estate be authorized to Collect and receive from them the said Twenty Thousand Dollars in Such Sums and at Such times as the Said Trustees shall deem most expedient and be enabled to do Under the Circumstances.

2nd. Resolved, that the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street be and they are hereby Authorized and directed to assign to the said Corporation, the Policies of Insurance on the said Masonic Hall in Chestnut Street, and that the present Trustees of the Real Estate be and they are hereby Authorized to receive the Consideration Money for the same.

Philada., March 21, 1836.

(Signed) Josh. R. Chandler,
Chairman.

The following Report was Received and Read, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee on Purchase and Sale Respectfully Report,

That they have nearly Compleated the Task assigned to them in the alteration of Washington Hall and hope to be able at an Early day to make a final Report. At present they have to State that in Consequence of the Expenditures rendered necessary by Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, they have nearly exhausted the appropriations made for their Use, and are Compelled to ask for an additional sum. They therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the further Sum of Three Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Completion of the Repairs to the Hall in South Third Street to be drawn for in the Usual Manner by the Committee appointed to make the necessary alterations in the Hall for Masonic purposes.

March 21, A. L. 5836.

(Signed) Joseph R. Chandler,
Chairman.

On Motion made and Seconded,

The above Report and the Resolution thereunto attached was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at half Past Eight o'clock in the Evening to meet on the Third Monday in April next.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

MONDAY, April 18th, A. L. 5636, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. Gr^d. Master.
" John M. Read, " Deputy Gr. Master.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " Gr^d. Senr. Warden.
" M. Cartwright, " Gr^d. Junr. Warden, P. T.
" " Gr^d. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Gr^d. Secretary.
" Henry Shoemaker, Gr^d. Senr. Deacon, P. T.
" Ge^o. S. Schott, Gr^d. Junr. Deacon.
" Chas. Remington, Gr^d. Sword Bearer.
" W^m. B. Watson, Gr^d. Marshal.
" J. D. Moore, Gr^d. Pursuivant.
Bro. Norman, Gr^d. Chaplain.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before 8 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

General Returns were received and read from the following Lodges and were ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 52, Philadelphia, for 1835.
N°. 130, ditto, for 1835.
N°. 197, Carlisle, for 1834 and 1835.
N°. 60, Brownsville, for 1833 and 1835.

The following Report from the Com^ee. of Finance was received, read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the first quarter ending the 31st March, 1836.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, ...	407.57
Rent of lower Rooms in Chestnut Street previous to 1st March, ...	830.
Gas Establishment for Gas Sold same period, .	299.46
General Expenses, for Washing, Fuel, &c., ditto,	49.75
Dispensations, ...	40.
Certificates, ...	4.
	1630.78
Payments exceeding Receipts,	2574.52
	$4205.30

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...		1118.
Grand Secretary, for Salary, . .	125.	
as Sect^y. Trustees M. Loans, . .	37.50	
Allowances for Stationery, . .	37.50	
		200.
Grand Tyler, for Salary and Tyling, . . .		43.50
Hall in Chestnut St., for Sundry Expenses previous to 1st March, ...		343.63
Gas Establishment for ditto same period, . .		169.12
Superintendent, for Salary, ...		75.
Washington Hall, South Third St., Expended by Committee on Purchase and Sale this Quarter,		2256.05
		$4205.30

(Unclaimed Interest)

due	1st Jany.	1832,	327.00
	1st July,	"	327.00
	11th Septr.	"	128.80
	1st Janr.	1833,	147.00
	1st July,	"	487.50
	1st Janr.	1834,	487.50
due	1st July,	1834,	487.50
	1st Janr.	1835,	487.50
	1st July,	1835,	522.50
	1st Janr.	1836,	610.50
			$4012.80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Philada., April 13th, 1836.

(Signed) Committee.
Britton White, Chn.
Enos S. Gandy.
J. W. Dickson.
John Thomson.
Edwd. Ewing.

The following Report from the Com. of Finance was received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report, that they have not yet been able to examine the Accounts of Bro. David Nathans referred to them, waiting the Result of an examination of Bro. Thomas's Accounts, as it appeared they were materially Connected, they will however, be enabled to Report by the Next Quarterly Grand Communication.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Britton White.
Enos S. Gandy.
J. W. Dickson.
John Thomson.
Edwd. Ewing.

Philada., April 13th, 1836.

The following was received and read. The Undersigned referees appointed agreeably to the Annexed Resolution of the

Grand Lodge of Penn^a. have been attended by the Grand Officers on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Samuel H. Thomas, Esquire, and Josiah Randall, Esquire, Assignee of Samuel H. Thomas, Do report, That upon a Settlement of all accounts of every description between the Grand Lodge and the said Samuel H. Thomas and his Assignee, there is due from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the said Samuel H. Thomas as represented by his said Assignee, the Sum of Four Thousand two Hundred and Fifty Dollars which they do award to be Paid to Josiah Randall, his Assignee as aforesaid, and they do further direct and order that mutual Releases be executed by the Grand Lodge and the said Samuel H. Thomas and his Assignee of all claims and Demands against each other.

Philad^a., April 12th, 1836.

(Signed) JOHN S. RIDDLE.
R. HUTCHINSON.
JAMES PAGE.
E. W. KEYSER.
WILLIAM PAGE.
EDW^D. EWING.

On Motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Seconded, the following Resolutions were adopted, Viz:

Resolved, That a Certificate of Debt be Issued by the Grand Lodge of Penn^a. in the Usual Form to Bro. Josiah Randall, Assignee of Bro. Saml. H. Thomas, late Grand Sect^y. for the Sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, payable in One Year from the 12th day of April, 1836, bearing an Interest of Six per Cent. payable half Yearly.

Resolved, that a Release be prepared and executed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Penn^a. by the R. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Sect^y. to Bro. Saml. H. Thomas, late Grand Secretary, agreeably to the Award of the Referees made the 12th day of April Instant.

Resolved, That upon the Execution of the proper Releases by Bro. S. H. Thomas and his Assignee, Bro. Josiah Randall, the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby Authorized to deliver the Certificate of Debt above directed to be Issued to Bro. Randall and the above mentioned release to Bro. Thomas.

The following offered by Bro. Dougherty was received, read and ordered to lie on the Table, Viz:

Resolved, that the Committee on Finance be and are hereby Instructed to Report to the Grand Lodge at the next Stated Night of Meeting, an Estimate of the Annual Expenses on the New Hall, an Estimate of the annual charge to the respective Lodges for the occupancy and Light of the Grand Lodge Room, and of the Chapter Room, and also a Specified Statement of the Property of the Grand Lodge and its liabilities.

On Motion of the R. W. Grand Sen$^{r.}$ Warden and Seconded, the following Resolution was Unanimously Adopted, Viz:

Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby Instructed to Balance the Accounts of the Grand Chapter and all Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges in Arrears to the Grand Lodge up to the 27th December, 1834, by Profit and Loss.

On Motion of the R. W. Grand Sen$^{r.}$ Warden and Seconded, the following Resolution was Unanimously adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that a Special Committee of Three be appointed to review the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and all Matters relating to the same since the last Publication of its Proceedings and Publish the same for the Information of the Order.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee Bro$^{s.}$ Kittera, Dallas and Chandler.

On Motion of Bro. Ge$^{o.}$ Fox and Seconded, the Resolution adopted on the 28th December last, relative to a Painting of Bro. Lafayette was reconsidered and the following offered as an Amendment thereof and adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that the Committee appointed on the 28th Dec$^{r.}$, 1835 be Authorized to Solicit Donations from Lodges and Members within the Jurisdiction and when a sufficient sum shall have been Collected to procure a full Length Painting of Benjamin Franklin, and a Portrait of Lafayette, and have said Paintings placed in a conspicuous situation in the Grand Lodge Room.

The following Letter was Received and Read and on Motion made and Seconded, was referred to the Committee on Purchase and Sale, Viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Subscriber begs leave respectfully to State, that he has

been engaged in Plastering the New Hall in Third Street from the 15th day of September, 1835, Until the 27th January, 1836, and that the Amount of the same according to the Measurers Bill will not pay him any thing for his own Labour. He therefore asks that you would be pleased to allow him something for his Labor for every day he worked during the said time.

(Signed) JOHN WELSH.

Philad^a., April 18th, 1836.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 20 Minutes past 10 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

MONDAY, May 23rd, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master.
" W. B. Watson, " Gr^d. Senr. Warden, P. T.
" W^m. Stephens, " Gr^d. Junr. Warden.
" R. R. Moore, " Gr^d. Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Gr^d. Secretary.
" T. S. Manning, Gr^d. Senr. Deacon, P. T.
" Chas. Peaslee, Gr^d. Junr. Deacon.

Lodges Nos. 9, 51, 91, 121 and 186 represented.

Six Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at five Minutes before 8 o'clock in the Evening.

Master Masons Lodge Closed.

Entered Apprentice Lodge opened.

The R. W. Grand Master then Announced that it was his Intention by Virtue of his authority as Grand Master to Enter, Pass and Raise Nathaniel A. Woodward, Esqr., a Member of the House Representatives from Wayne C^o., he was accordingly Introduced and Initiated into the First Degree of Masonry.

Entered Apprentice Lodge Closed.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Opened.

Bro. Woodward was Introduced and Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Closed.

Master Masons Lodge Opened.

Bro. Woodward was Introduced and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Ten o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, June 6th. A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. Samr. H. Perkins, R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
" Willm. Stephens, " Depy. G. M., "
" Joseph S. Riley, " G. Senr. Warden, "
" Geo. S. Schott, " G. Junr. " "
" R. R. Moore, " G. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " G. Secretary.
" John Thomson, Depy. G. Secty.
" J. W. Dickson, G. Senr. Deacon.
" Corkrin, G. Junr. Deacon.
" Allen Ward, G. Sword Bearer.
" T. Colladay, G. Marshal.
" J. D. Moore, G. Pursuivant.
" Thos. Kittera, R. W. P. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 135, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Form at Eight o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Commn. of March 7th
of the Extra G. Q. Comn. March 21st
of the Adjd. G. Q. Comn. April 18th
of the Extra G. Q. Comn. April 23rd

were read and on Motion made and Seconded, were severally adopted.

The Resolution offered by Bro. Dougherty at the Meeting of 18th April relative to Rents, Light, &c., was taken up, Read and Adopted.

The Committee of Finance made a Report on the A/c of Brother D. Nathans which on motion made and Seconded, was laid over Until the next meeting.

A Communication as Received and Read from the Secretary of Lodge No. 187, with Extracts from the Minutes of Said Lodge, one of which ordering the Dues to the R. W. Grand Lodge for the year 1835 to be Paid forthwith, the other, a Vote of Thanks to the R. W. Grand Lodge for Remitting the Dues prior to that period, which on Motion made and Seconded, was ordered to be filed.

An Application from Lodge No. 19, Signed by the W. M. and Secretary thereof was Received and read Praying that the Lodge should hereafter be Called Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, and on Motion made and Seconded, the same was approved.

On Motion of Bro. Riley and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Secretary at every Grand Quarterly Communication lay on the Table of the R. W. Grand Master, a List of all outstanding Committees with the Names of the Brethren Composing the same.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 81, Germantown for 1835.
No. 91, Philadelphia for 1835.
No. 102, Frankford for 1833, 1834 and 1835.
No. 155, Philadelphia for 1835.
No. 197, Carlisle for 1835.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at a Quarter before 10 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

MONDAY, June 20th, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. T. B. Freeman, R. W. Grand Master.
" J. M. Read, " Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
" S. H. Perkins, " Sen$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" W. Stephens, " Jun$^{r.}$ G. Warden.
" R. R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" S. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" John Thomson, Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Secretary.
" G. S. Schott, Senr Grand Deacon, P. T.
" E. S. Gandy, Jun$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon, P. T.
" M. Cartwright, Gr$^{d.}$ Sword Bearer, P. T.
" W. B. Watson, Gr$^{d.}$ Marshal.
" J. D. Moore, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant.
R. W. P. G. M. Bro. Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 82, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 131, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented the R. W. Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance laid over from the last Grand Quarterly Communication was Read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the Account of Bro. David Nathans, as Grand Lecturer, on which he claims a Balance due him of Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars.

The Account being Balanced for all the Tours excepting that of 1829-30, your Committee directed their attention to the facts more particularly connected with that Tour. Bro$^{r.}$ Sam$^{l.}$ H. Thomas and David Nathans were before the Committee and gave such explanations as were required of them, and the written Statement presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge by Br. Nathans was read.

Upon View of all the Circumstances it appears that in May, 1829, Br. Nathans received Notice of his Appointment as Grand Lecturer for that Year, and that his compensation for the Visitations was fixed at One Thousand Dollars, with no other al-

lowance, except the Payment of his Expenses by the different Lodges, during his sojourn with them. In June, 1829, he Started on his Tour, and returned in September of the Same Year, Having during that Period visited the Lodges in the Northern part of the State. In May, 1830, the Grand Officers decided that, in consequence of the excitement against Masonry, the Visitations should be discontinued, and Bro. Nathans was officially Informed of their decision at that time. He claims to be allowed the Entire Sum of One Thousand Dollars, as he was prepared to execute the remainder of the Tour, and was subjected to considerable expenses for the Keep of his Horse and Buggy, and was prevented from attending to other Business, while awaiting the Orders of the Grand Officers, and lost by the Sale of his Horse and Equipage. This Claim seems to your Committee to be Incorrect, as during the previous Visitations of Bro. Nathans, according to his Own Statement and admission, he left the City in or about the Month of June and returned in the Fall of each year, and was not, therefore, subjected to Inconvenience by the discontinuance of his Visitation he having been informed of the decision of the Grand Officers about the time he generally started on his Journey. Further he could easily have ascertained the Opinion of the Grand Officers previous to their official communication to him, and made his arrangements accordingly.

The Question then Arises, how much is he entitled to? To Remove all ground of Complaint on his part, and to meet the Expenses stated to have been incurred by him, your Committee have concluded to move for an Appropriation of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars, in full Payment of his claim. He performed part of this Tour for which we think him entitled to Five Hundred Dollars. There is a Balance against him on the

Books of the Grand Lodge of, ...	222.00
Paid him by Bro. Thomas previous to his leaving the City in 1829, in advance and for which Bro. Thomas received a Warrant on the G. T. which was settled by the Compromise with Bro. Thomas, ...	225.00
Received by him for Certificates in 1829, . .	18.00
Error on account 1826, ...	5.00
Making the Sum of, ...	$470.

Leaving a Balance due him for that part of the Duty which he performed of, ...	30.
Adding for Expenses alluded to, ...	100.
Makes the Am$^{t.}$ we Conceive him entitled to, .	$130.

In accordance with these views your Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his Warrant, under the Usual restrictions, for the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars for the Settlement of the account of Bro. David Nathans as Grand Lecturer, the Said Sum to be Paid as follows, Viz:

To Lodge N$^{o.}$ 71 for Dues owing them by Bro. Nathans,	35.00
To Chapter N$^{o.}$ 3 for do., " " " "	27.00
And the Balance to Bro. Nathans, Say, . . .	68.00
	$130.00

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. BRITT$^{N.}$ WHITE,
J. W. DICKSON,
EDW$^{D.}$ EWING,
JOHN THOMSON,
E. S. GANDY.

Philad$^{a.,}$ June 6^{th,} 1836.

After Considerable Discussion it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved,

That the Report be Accepted and the Resolution Amended by Striking out the Amount $130, and Inserting Instead the Sum of $62, to be appropriated to the Payment of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 71 and Chapter N$^{o.}$ 3. The Resolution so amended was adopted.

The Committee Appointed March 7th Page 295 of which the R. W. Deputy Grand Master is Chairman requested to be Continued until September next.

The Following Report was received and Read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

The Trustees of the Girard Legacy feel desirous to submit at certain intervals to the Grand Lodge, the condition of the

Fund produced from that Legacy; and all the facts attending the Investments, not merely for the Information and Sanction of the Grand Lodge, but that Such reports may preserve a connected narrative of this interesting Charity.

By his Will, our late Brother Girard gives to the Trustees of the Masonic Loans, Twenty Thousand Dollars (say $20.000) including $10.900 Masonic Loan and Interest thereon, in trust for the Grand Lodge to be invested in Safe Funds and the Dividends and Interest tc be Invested until the whole shall form a Capital of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) the Interest of which is to be Applied to the relief of Poor and respectable Brethren. On the 3d. September, 1833, the Executors Paid the Sum of $19,500 the amount of the Legacy, (deducting the Collateral Inheritance Tax), in Masonic Loan and Money.

When the management of this fund devolved upon the present Trustees it consisted of

33 Shares Masc 5 pr. ct. Stock due 1 Jany. 1835,	.	3300.
36 " " 6 pr. ct. " " 1 Jany. 1840,	.	3600.
60 " " 5 pr. ct. " " 1 Jany. 1845,	.	6000.
92 " F. and M. Bank " at $68 pr. Share,	. .	6256.
Interest due from the Grand Lodge on the Loans according to a/c recd. herewith,	. . . . .	3773.29
Dividends recd. from F. and M. Bank Stock, deducting therefrom Amt. borrowed from Sinking Fund and repaid,	. . . . .	328.10
		$23257.39

exhibiting an Increase of $3758.39 during the period of 3 years and 10 Months.

The Account which results in the balance of $3773.29 as due from the Grand Lodge to the Legacy Fund, requires some explanation. It charges the Grand Lodge with Interest unpaid on the Loans since the 1st Jany., 1833 and includes an Amount due by the Gr. Lodge in September, 1832, as also an Amount loaned them on the 9th July, 1834. The Interest is calculated in such manner as the Trustees think the Legacy Fund is entitled to. Had the Fund been paid the Interest punctually and been in possession of the other Sums by the Grd. Lodge, the

Amounts could readily have been Invested, and would have produced for the Fund, as much, if not more, than is charged in the account presented by the Trustees. On the 1st Jany., 1835 there was a Loan due by the Grd. Lodge of which the Legacy Fund was entitled to 3300 Drs. It was at an Interest of 5 pr. ct. but as the Grand Lodge was not in a condition to liquidate the Debt when due, the Trustees considered it but just, that the Legacy Fund should receive 6 pr. Ct. upon the Sum of $3300, from the time it was Payable, as it could at that time, without difficulty have been invested at 6 pr. Ct.; there is also a difference of 1 pr. Ct. on $3300, due the 1st Jany., 1835, on which the Legacy Fund according to the Terms of the Loan would be entitled to but 5 pr. Ct. making a difference to the 1st July, 1836 of 1½ pr. Ct. on $3300 Say 49\frac{50}{100}$ and when added to the acct. handed herewith, will make the Amount due by the Grd. Lodge to the Fund 3822\frac{49}{100}$ Drs. It ought not to be objected to this Account, that the Interest is compounded. We are not to apply rigid rules, in adjusting the Account between the Grd. Lodge and this Charity. It becomes us when we direct any part of the Fund to our own uses, the propriety of which is very doubtful, to make it entirely whole. The Trustees desire that the Debt due by the Grd. Lodge to this Fund, be paid as soon as possible, inasmuch as the present is a time very favorable to making good Investments.

In Common with their Brethren the Trustees look forward with Pleasure, to the Period when the Interest of this Fund and the Superadded means which the Grd. Lodge can afford, shall be employed in Works of true Benevolence, when the Prayers of the Widow and Orphan, and the Aged Brother come down by grief, shall be raised to Heaven in our behalf we may smile at the movements of our Enemies, and justify our Institution to the World by pointing to its Charities.

The Trustees Submit to the Grand Lodge for its adoption the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sum of Thirty Nine Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby Appropriated for the Payment of the Debt due by the Grand Lodge to the Girard Legacy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) S. Wonderly,
Ths. Kittera,
Trustees.

Philada., June 18th, 1836.

The following A/c Accompanied the above Report.
R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

1832.		To Girard Fund	D
Sepr. 11th.		To Am^t. due this date, ...	782.80
		" In^t. to 1st July, 1833 is 9 Mo. 19 d^s., .	37.70
1833.			
July	1	To In^t. on Loans due this date, . .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st. July, 1833, .	$1161.00
		" In^t. on $1161 to 1st Jan^y., 1834, 6 Mo^s.,	34.83
1834.			
Jan^y.	1	To Interest on Loans due this date, .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st Jan^y., 1834, . .	$1536.33
		" In^t. on 1536\frac{33}{100}$ to 1st July, 1834, 6 Mo^s.,	46.09
July	1	To Interest on Loans due this day, . .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st Jan^y., 1834, . .	$1922.92
		" In^t. on 1922\frac{92}{100}$ to 17 Jan^y., 1835 is 6 Mo^s.,	57.69
"	9	To Cash Loaned Grand Lodge, . .	179.03
		" In^t. to 1st Jan^y., 1835 is 5 Mo^s. 22^ds., .	5.13
1835.			
Jan^y.		" In^t. on Loans due this day, . .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st Jan^y., 1835, .	$2505.27
		" In^t. on 2505\frac{27}{100}$ to 1st July, 1835, 6 Mo^s.,	75.16
July	1	To In^t. on Loans due this date, . .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st July, 1835, . .	$2920.93
		" In^t. on $2920 $\frac{93}{100}$ to 1st Jan^y., 1836, 6 Mo^s.,	87.63
1836.			
Jan^y.	1	To In^t. on Loans due this date, . .	340.50
		Am^t. due the 1st Jan^y., 1836, .	3349.06
		" In^t. on 3349\frac{06}{100}$ to 1st June, 1836, 5 Mo^s.,	83.73
July	1	To Interest on Loans due this date, .	340.50
			$3773.29

Am^t. due 1st June, 1836,	3432.79	
" " " July, "	340.50	
		3773.29

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Report of the Trustees of the Girard Charity Fund be Accepted and the Resolution thereto appended be adopted.

The following Report was Rec^d. and Read.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on Purchase and Sale to whom was referred the preparation of the Hall for Masonic purposes, beg leave to Report, that the Duties assigned to them have been nearly accomplished, so that no New Contract for Labor or Materials of any Considerable Amount will be required, though all the Bills for Work performed have not been exactly ascertained. As the Committee have assumed by Sanction of the Grand Lodge, and from a desire to facilitate Business, the Payments of many Sums not Connected with, or arising out of, the Business included in their former Estimates and Reports, they have to ask the attention of the Grand Lodge to the Amounts of such extraordinary demands, the Payment of most of which was rendered necessary to secure the Completion of the Hall.

The Committee alluded to

Interest on Mortgages, ...	900.00
Gas Fixtures, ...	1100.00
Insurance about, ...	420.00
Taxes, ...	125.00
Water Rents, Stoves, Carpets, with other fixtures not included in Estimates, ...	1000.00
	$3545.00

part of which has been Paid, while the Painters Bill, the Lumber Bill and a few others remain Uncancelled. For the Payment of the deficiency thus Arising it will be necessary for the Grand Lodge to provide means. The Committee have not accompanied this Report with any formal exposition of their pecuniary relations with the Gr^d. Lodge, it being proper to make such an Exposition through the Committee of Finance. At the Next Meeting of the Grand Lodge whether Extra or Regular, the Committee will present a detailed account of their proceedings with Certificates from the proper Committee, of the faithful disbursements of the Money Committed to their Care.

The Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Expenses arising in preparing the Hall for Masonic Uses, and to Pay Taxes, Insurance and Interest on Mortgages on the Hall.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Jos^H. R. CHANDLER,
Chairman.

Philad^a., June 20th, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Report of the Com. on Purchase and Sale be accepted and the Resolution thereto appended be adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following Report which was read, and on Motion made and Seconded, was Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report, that in pursuance to a Resolution Passed the 7th March last he has rendered accounts to all the different Lodges in the City and County of Philadelphia, as well as to those out of the City and County.

The following Lodges have paid in full, Viz: No. 3, 19, 51, 59, 72, 81, 102, 115, 125, 135, 158, 186, 187 and 211.

The following have not yet paid, Viz: No. 2, 9, 52, 67, 71, 91, 114, 130, 131 and 155.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) SAM^L. M. STEWART, Gr^d. Sect^y.

On Motion of Bro. R. R. Moore and Seconded, the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be Instructed to Notify the Masters of the different Lodges and Mark Lodges, and also the Chiefs of the Royal Arch Chapters, that Unless they Pay up their Dues According to the Resolutions Passed on the 7th March and 18th April, on or before the 1st September next, the Lodges shall be Suspended, and the Chapters excluded from Meeting in the Chapter Room Until such Payment be made.

On Motion of P. G. M. Bro. Kittera it was Resolved, that the Committee on Purchase and Sale be Instructed to have Blinds procured for the Windows.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, September 5th, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	SAM^L. H. PERKINS,	R. W.	Grand Master, P. T.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	Dep^y. G. M., P. T.
"	John W. Dickson,	"	Senr. G. W., P. T.
"	J. Weeks,	"	Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	M. Cartwright,	"	Gr^d. Treasurer, P. T.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Gr^d. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Dep^y. Grand Secretary.		
"	John Bradley, Senr. G. Deacon, P. T.		
"	R. B. Arcy, Junr. G. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Chalkley Baker, Gr^d. Sword Bearer, P. T.		
"	J. Phillips, Gr^d. Marshal, P. T.		
"	J. D. Moore, Gr^d. Pursuivant.		
"	Norman Nash, Grand Chaplain.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 82, 91, 102, 144, 115, 125, 130, 131, 135, 155, 158, 186, 187, and 211 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in due Form at half past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of June 6th and of the adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of June 20th were Read, and on Motion made and Seconded, were Severally Adopted.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Finance Committee respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Second Quarter ending the 30th June, 1836.

Receipts.

For Lodge Dues, City and County, .	1272.92	
Elsewhere, . .	85.00	
		1357.92
" Dispensations 10.00, Certificates 10.00, . .		20.00
" Policies of Insurance, ...		1530.00
From Franklin Institute, ...		1000.00
" Sales at Auction, ...		410.00
		$4317.92

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders due 1 July, 1835, . .	35.00
d$^{o.}$ " " " 1 Jan$^{y.}$ 1836, . .	114.00
Grand Secretary, Salary and Allowances, . .	200.00
Grand Tyler, " " " . .	46.50
Repairing Columns, ...	4.00
Porterage of Piano, ...	1.50
Expenses on New Hall Paid this Quarter, . .	2582.89
Interest paid Rob$^{t.}$ Kid, ...	100.00
	$3083.89
Receipts Exceeding Expenditures, . . .	$1234.03

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Enos S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
J. W. Dickson.

Philadelphia, Sept$^{r.}$ 5$^{th.}$ 1836.

The following Report of the Committee of Finance on the Resolution offered by Bro. A. E. Dougherty, 18th April last, was Read.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the following Resolution passed at last Quarterly Communication, Viz:

"Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be and they are hereby instructed to Report to the Grand Lodge at the next Stated Night of Meeting, An Estimate of the Annual Expenses of the Grand Lodge in the New Hall, An Estimate of the Annual Charge to the respective Lodges for the occupancy and Light of the Grand Lodge Room, and of the Chapter Room, and also a Specified Statement of the Property of the Grand Lodge and its liabilities."

Report 1st. That they Estimate the Annual Expenses of the Grand Lodge in the New Hall as follows:

Grand Secretary Salary and Allowances for Stationery,	800.
Grand Tylers Salary,	175.
Gas,	400.
Fuel,	200.
Taxes and Water Rent,	137.
Incidental Expenses,	100.
	$1812.

2nd. They Estimate the Annual Charge for Rent and Light to each of the Lodges occupying the Grand Lodge Room, Thirty Dollars per Annum, to each of those occupying the Chapter Room, Twenty Two Dollars.

In making this Estimate the Committee were Influenced by the present encouraging condition of the Grand Lodge, with the Property yielding an Interest greater than all the claims for Interest against it. Justice requires, the Grand Lodge to relieve the Subordinate Lodges from a Portion of the Burden which for Some Years past has drained many of them of their resources. The Proposed reduction if adopted, would better enable the Lodges to assist the numerous Worthy Applicants for Charity, and tend in a Measure to place the Lodges in their former flourishing Condition.

In justification of the above Estimate, the Committee Submit an Estimate of the Revenues of the Grand Lodge for the present Year, from City and County Lodges, with the charge for Rent and Light at the proposed reduced rates, Viz:

17 Lodges occupying the Grand Lodge Room Rent and Light at $30, ...	510.00
4 d°. d°. Chapter Room a 22, .	88.00
Grand Chapter and 3 Subordinate Chapters, . .	88.00
Mark Lodge, ...	22.00
Dues from Lodges in City and County for members,	750.00
Initiations, ...	375.00
Dispensations and G. L. Certificates, . . .	100.00
Country Lodges, ...	200.00
	2133.00
Amt. of Estimated Expenses, ...	1812.00
Excess of Revenue from Lodges over whole Expenses, ...	321.00

3rd. The Committee submit a Statement of the Property of the Grand Lodge and its Liabilities, which in Minor particulars may contain slight inaccuracies, but in General may be relied on; until all the claims for the alterations of the New Hall have been Satisfied, the Committee will be Unable to make an Accurate Statement, it is believed however, that the Amount in the hands of the Committee on the Repairs of the New Hall and the Grand Treasurer, will be adequate to discharge said claims.

Property of the Grand Lodge.

Mortgage on Old Hall due Jany. 1, 1836, .		19000.00	5 p.c.
d°. " " " " " 1, 1838, .		25183.34	d°.
d°. " " " " " 1, 1840, .		25183.33	d°.
d°. " " " " " 1, 1842, .		25183.33	d°.
		94550.00	
The Sinking Fund invested in Masonic 6 pr. Ct. loan, ...		4900.00	
The Charity Fund, " " d°. 5 and 6	$1500		
due on Note and in hands of Treasurer, ...	177.33		
		1677.33	
		$101127.33	

Liabilities of the Grand Lodge.

6pr. Ct. Masonic Loan payable 1st. Janth 1840,	20.000.
6pr. Ct. do. Debt not Secured by Mortgage, ...	14.500.
5pr. Ct. Debts due Lodges No. 9 and 59, .	500.
5pr. Ct. Loan of 1825 due Jany., 1835, . .	19.000.
5pr. Ct. Masonic Loan held by Trustees Girard Legacy, ...	6.000.
	60.000.
Due to Assignee of S. H. Thomas @ 6 pr. Ct. dated April 18th, 1836 due April 18th, 1837,	4.250.
Mortgage on New Hall to Mr. Fisher @ 6 pr. Ct., ...	6.666.66
Two do. on do. " Robt. Kid and Dancing Assembly about 5 pr. Ct., . .	9.500.
Interest to Trustees Girard Legacy, Sinking and Charity Fund about, ...	4.000.
	$84.416.66

Amount of Property, ...	101.127.23
Liabilities, ...	84.416.66
Excess of Property over Liabilities, . .	$16.711.57

The Committee have annexed a Resolution in Accordance with their Estimate for Rent and Light. They would recommend the Grand Lodge to Authorize the Hall Committee to Rent the South Room on the first floor and the Cellar, which would be an additional source of Revenue, and could no doubt be so Rented as not to Endanger the Insurance. They are not aware that any Contract has been made with the Grand Tyler for the Rent of the House occupied by him, and Call the Attention of the Grand Lodge, merely for the purpose of having this Unsettled Question dispensed of.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Enos S. Gandy.
J. W. Dickson.
A. E. Dougherty.
John Thomson.

Philadelphia, Septr. 5th, 1836.

The following Resolution Accompanied the Report.

Resolved, That the Annual Charge to the Lodges occupying the Grand Lodge Room for Rent and Light shall be Thirty Dollars each, and to the Lodges, Chapters and Mark Lodges occupying the Chapter Rooms Twenty Two Dollars commencing Decr. 27th, 1835.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary with the Approbation of the Grand Officers be Authorized to Rent the Cellars under the Hall and the South Room on the Ground Floor.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was Accepted and the Resolutions thereto attached were Severally Adopted.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge N°. 51, desiring an addition to their Bye Laws, which was on Motion made and Seconded, referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

The following Report was received and Read, Viz:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee Appointed on 7th March last, Respectfully Report,

That they have obtained a very large portion of the Information required by the terms of their appointment but a detailed report made now would be necessarily Imperfect in relation to the first branch of Enquiry, Viz: "The State of the Property of the Grand Lodge its Cost and Value."

In reviewing the Labors of the Committee on Purchase and Sale, they have been Struck not only with the Amount of Work actually performed by them and the excellence of all the Arrangements, but also with the variety of Information afforded by their Reports which are spread upon the Minutes of the Grand Lodge. The whole of the alterations Contemplated are now almost entirely compleated, and are in such a situation as to enable that most meritorious Committee to make a final report of their Labors and their Results. Such a Report is necessary in order to enable your Committee to give the proper Information upon the first Branch of the Enquiry Submitted to them.

Your Committee would therefore submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Purchase and Sale be and

they are hereby requested to Report to the Grand Lodge, The exact Cost of the New Hall in South Third St., Specifying the original Purchase thereof, how much has been Paid, to whom and when, what remains due thereon, to whom and how secured, when Payable and at what rate of Interest, the Amount actually expended in the alterations and Improvements of the said Hall with the furnishing thereof, what is due, and what further amount will be required to Complete the same.

The Annual Taxes on the same Including Water Rents, The amount Insured thereon, at what office and at what Premium, and what in their opinion will be the Annual Cost of Keeping the Hall in Order and the expense of Light and Fuel.

Also the Terms of Purchase of the Old Hall in Chestnut St. as finally Completed, with the amount of Purchase Money and Interest actually Paid when and to whom, how the residue is secured with the rate of Interest and when the same becomes due and Payable, and what prospect there is of a speedy payment of the residue of the second Instalment of $20,000.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Real Estate be and they are hereby requested to Report to the Grand Lodge a list of the Bonds and Mortgages belonging to the Grand Lodge in their Possession, and to Cause a Brief of the Title to the Hall in Third Street to be prepared and deposited with the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

John M. Read.
Wm. B. Watson.
Chas. McKaraher.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was Accepted, the Committee Continued and the Resolutions thereunto attached were severally adopted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi, announcing the Names and Signatures of its officers Installed 4th January last was recd. read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Letter, (Enclosing the Minutes of a Meeting of Lodge No. 152, held at Easton, June 21, 1836,) was read, Viz:

Easton, June 23rd. 1836.

R. W. Sir and Brother,

I beg leave to Enclose to you the proceedings of Lodge No. 152, held at this Place last Evening, By which you will perceive that I have under the peculiar circumstances of the Case exercised Extraordinary Powers, and Powers which Under any other Circumstances I should not think of claiming to Exercise.

There are living in this Vicinity some Ten or a dozen Members of our Lodge residing in this County, others are scattered dear knows where. After Drumming up our Forces, we mustered four of the Old Pastmasters of our Lodge, together with 17 Visitors, all of whom with three exceptions were late Members of Olive Branch Lodge, New Jersey, which has recently given up its Warrant. We may muster 3 or 4 more of our old Members to go on with us again. Under these circumstances and to Embody with us the aforesaid 17 Visitors, with perhaps 10 more in the Vicinity Situated in Similar Circumstances, I undertook to authorize a deviation from the established Usages, and to take the unusual preliminary steps within disclosed for their admission as Members. And at the Meeting tomorrow Evening they will be admitted, at least so far as they are Unexceptionable in Character. All which I wish the Grand Lodge to Sanction, *Under the peculiar Circumstances of the Case.* But to declare it to be Irregular except as Authorized by me as D. D. Grand Master, For I do not wish it to grow up into a precedent for future Cases.

There has been no Meeting since 10th June, 1830, and the only Meetings held since 20th May, 1829, were on 17th Decr., 1829, when officers were Elected, To Wit: Abraham Miller, W. M.; Isaac Stout, S. W.; John Arndt, J. W.; F. W. Muller, Secty. and Danl. Swander, Treas.

On the 13th May, 1830, there was a Meeting held on the regular Lodge Night, but nothing was done and on the 10th of June, 1830, a Similar meeting was held, at which it was resolved to hold a Meeting on the 24th of that Month of which Meeting all the Members were ordered to be Notified, but it Seems no Such Meeting has Since been held.

We have our Lodge Jewells and Furniture and I think if the Grand Lodge will allow our A/cs. to be Squared off Until

last St. Johns day, we will go on Swimmingly and henceforth give a Good Account of ourselves.

Very truly yours,

Signed. J. M. PORTER,
D. D. G. M.

Bro. S. M. Stewart,
Grd. Secty.

On Motion made and Seconded, the proceedings of the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Porter were Sanctioned in the Manner desired by him.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

No.	22, Sunbury	for	1832, 33, 34 and 35.
"	43, Lancaster	"	1829 to 1835.
"	152, Easton	"	1828 to 1835.
"	208, Bloomfield	"	1831 to 1835.
"	216, Pottsville	"	1832 to 1835.

A Letter was Received and Read from Bro. Saml. Mar and others members of Lodge No. 151, held at Allentown, stating their Inability to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of March 7th and requesting further time.

Whereupon it was on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that all the Lodges who have not yet Complied with the Terms of the said Resolution of 7th March, have the time extended to the 27th December next.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

MONDAY, December 5th. A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	T. B. FREEMAN,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	John M. Read,	"	Deputy G. M.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Grd. S. W.
"	Wm. Stephens,	"	Grd. J. W.

Bro. R. R. Moore, R. W. Gr^d. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Gr^d. Secretary.
" John Thomson, Deputy G. S.
" Chas. Stout, Gr^d. Senr. D., P. T.
" Ge^o. S. Schott, " Junr. D.
" W. B. Watson, " Marshal.
" Sword Bearer.
" J. Dalzell Moore, " Pursuivant.
Past Grand Masters, Bro^rs. Newcomb and Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 82, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 135, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of Septr. 5th were Read and Adopted.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from

N°. 153, Waynesburg, from 1831 to 1835.
" 119, Gibson, Susq^a. C^o. 1834 and 1835.
" 131, Philadelphia, 1835.
" 190, Norristown, 1829, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 1835.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were Received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, Viz: Maryland, New Hampshire, Georgia, Kentucky, Connecticut and New York.

The following Report was Read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred the additional Bye Law of N°. 51, Viz: Resolved, that from and after St. John the Evangelists day next all the Members of this Lodge who shall have regularly paid their Dues for Ten Years past shall be placed on half Dues.

Your Committee recommend the approval of the Same.

Signed. SAM^L. DAVIS,
SAM^L. M. STEWART,
Com. on Bye Laws.

Philad^a., Septr. 12th, 1836.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the Third Quarter Ending Sept$^{r.}$ 30$^{th.}$ 1836.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, . .	944.50	
Elsewhere, ...	46.00	990.50
Dispensations 10.00 Ahiman Rezon 1.50, . .		11.50
From Com. on Purchase and Sale, . . .		410.00
Interest from Franklin Institute, . . .		1338.61
		$2750.61

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders due July 1$^{st.}$ . . .	1365.00
Gr$^{d.}$ Secretarys Salary and Allowances, . .	200.00
Expenses in New Hall as per a/c Committee on Purchase and Sale, ...	3331.43
	$4896.43
Payments exceeding Receipts, .	2145.82

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Enos S. Gandy.
Edw. Ewing.
John Thomson.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 5^{th,} 1836.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest presented the following Accounts which were Read, Viz:

S. Wonderly Ch$^{m.}$ and Treas$^{r.}$

1836.		To Girard Bequest	D$^{r.}$
June	8th	To Cash Rec$^{d.}$ from former Trustees, .	328.10
		" In$^{t.}$ to 1st Jan$^{y.}$ 1837, 6 Mo$^{s.}$ 23 d$^{s.,}$	11.10
Sept$^{r.}$	7th	To Cash rec$^{d.}$ from Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge on A/c In$^{t.,}$	340.50
		" In$^{t.}$ to 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837, 3 Mo$^{s.}$ 24 d$^{s.,}$.	6.47
Nov$^{r.}$	22^{d}	To Cash rec$^{d.}$ on 102 Shares F. and M. B. Stock 4 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	204.00
		" In$^{t.}$ to 1$^{st.}$ Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837, 1 Mo. 9 d$^{s.,}$.	1.33
			891.50

1836.	Contra Cr.		
July 23d	By Cash for 10 Shares F. and M. B. Stock at 67½ and Commission, . .	676.69	
	" Int. to 1st Jany. 1837, 5 Mo. 8 ds., ...	17.81	
Novr. 22d	By Cash for 3 Shares Kensington Bank @ 68, .	204.00	
	" Int. to 1st Jany. 1837, 1 Mo. 9 ds., . . .	1.32	
			899.82
Balance due Chn. and Treas., ...			8.32

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

Philada., Decr. 3d, 1836.

Signed. S. Wonderly, Chn. and Treasr.
Joseph S. Riley,
Trustees.

Statement of the Girard Bequest of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Amount due by the Grand Lodge of Penna., .	3964.10
Masonic Loan 36 Shares 6s due 1st Jany., 1840, .	3600.00
do. do. 33 do. 5s due 1st Jany., 1835, .	3300.00
do. do. 60 do. 5s due 1st Jany., 1845, .	6000.00
F. and M. Bk. 92 Shares at 68 pr. Share, .	6256.00
do. do. 10 do. at 67½ " do. and Comn.,	676.69
Kensington Bank 3 Shares @ 68, . . .	204.00
	24000.79
Deduct Amt due Treasurer, ...	8.32
Amt. of Bequest 1st Jany., 1837, . . .	23992.47

Philada., Decr. 3d, 1836.

Signed. S. Wonderly, Chn. and Treasr.
Joseph S. Riley,
Trustees.

Am$^{t.}$ Bequest 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1836,		22627.56
" " 1 " 1837,		23992.47
Increase in 1836,		1364.91

Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

1836. To Girard Bequest, D$^{r.}$

June 1st	To Bal. due this date p$^{r.}$ A/c rend$^{d.}$ . .	3432.79
	" In$^{t.}$ to 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837 is 7 Mo$^{s.,}$ . .	120.14
July 1	To Bal. due this date p$^{r.}$ A/c rend$^{d.}$ . .	389.50
	" In$^{t.}$ to 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837 is 6 Mo$^{s.,}$ . .	11.69
	To In$^{t.}$ on $6900 Masonic Loan due 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837,	207.00
	To d$^{o.}$ on $6000 d$^{o.}$ " " 1 " "	150.00
		4311.12

1836. Contra C$^{r.}$

Sept$^{r.}$ 7	By Cash rec$^{d.}$ on A/c Interest, .	340.50	
	" Interest to 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837, 3 Mo. 24 d$^{s.,}$	6.46	346.96
	Due 1st Jan$^{y.,}$ 1837, . . .		3964.16

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 3^{d,} 1836.

Signed. S. WONDERLY, Chairman.
JOSEPH S. RILEY,
Trustees.

Bro. Wonderly offered the following Resolution which being Seconded by P. G. M. Bro. Kittera was adopted.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby Authorized and requested to Issue a Certificate to the Trustees of the Girard Bequest for Thirty Nine Hundred and Sixty four Dollars and Sixteen Cents being the Amount due the Bequest on the 1st January, 1837, Payable on demand with Interest at the rate of 6 per Cent. per Annum, and that the Seal of the Grand Lodge be affixed to said Certificate.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of Officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to Ballot for them, when it appeared

that the following Brethren, (Bro. T. B. Freeman having declined a Re-election), were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro. John M. Read, R. W. Grand Master.
" Saml. H. Perkins, R. W. Deputy G. M.
" William Stephens, R. W. Gr^d. Senr. Warden.
" Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Gr^d. Junr. Warden.
" Robinson R. Moore, R. W. Gr^d. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, R. W. Gr^d. Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared the following Brethren were duly Elected, (Bro. Joseph S. Riley having declined a Re-Election), Viz:

Bro. Samuel Wonderly.
" George M. Dallas.
" Thomas Biddle.
" Thomas Kittera, and
" Cornelius Stevenson.

On Motion of Bro. John M. Read and Seconded, it was Resolved, Unanimously, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Master Bro. T. B. Freeman for his Sincere, Zealous and Truly Masonic Care of the Interests of the Order, and particularly for his Firm and decided Conduct during the trying Crisis of the last Winter.

The Grand Secretary made a Verbal Report that he had Rented the Cellars under the Hall to James Mackie for the purpose of Storing Cider, Wines, &c., at Two Hundred Dollars p^r. Annum from the 12th Nov^r., which on Motion made and Seconded, was Approved.

A Petition was rec^d. and Read from Johnson Kelly, Protesting against his Expulsion from Lodge N°. 9 and Praying the Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to Investigate the Matter. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro^s. Robt. Desilver, Alva Mason and John Bradley on said Committee.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27th, A. L. 5836, A. D. 1836.

Grand Lodge of Penna. Annual Grand Communication.

Bro. T. B. FREEMAN, R. W. Grand Master.
" John M. Read, " Dep^y. G. M.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " Grd. Senr. Warden.
" Wm. Stephens, " Grd. Junr. Warden.
" R. R. Moore, " Grd. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grd. Secretary.
" John Thomson, Deputy Grd. Secretary.
" James Hickey, Senr. Grd. Deacon, P. T.
" Geo. S. Schott, Grd. Junr. Deacon.
" James Baker, " Sword Bearer.
" W. B. Watson, " Marshal.
" J. D. Moore, " Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186 and 187 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at ¼ Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 5th Int. as relates to the Election of Officers being Read and all the officers being Present they were severally Installed into their respective offices, and being duly Proclaimed received the Accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro. John M. Read, R. W. Grand Master.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " Deputy G. M.
" Wm. Stephens, " Grd. Senr. Warden.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " Grd. Junr. Warden.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grd. Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grd. Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, Viz:

Bro. Geo. S. Schott, Grd. Senr. Deacon.
" Wm. B. Watson, Grd. Junr. Deacon.
Revd. Bro. Geo. C. Potts,
" " R. Piggott,
" " Zelotus Fuller,
" " Chambers, } Grd. Chaplains.

Bro. Lambert Keatting, } Grd. Stewards.
" Wm. Mayweg, }
" Wm. Barger, Grd. Marshal.
" James Baker, Grd. Sword Bearer.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Grd. Pursuivant.
" Charles Schnider, Grd. Tyler.

Grand Committees.

Comee. of Finance.

Bros. E. S. Gandy, J. W. Dickson, John Thomson, A. C. Dougherty and Wm. H. Adams.

Comee. of Charity.

Bros. Chas. Stout, Saml. Webb, No. 3, R. Desilver, Francis Cooper and John Y. Black.

Comee. of Correspondence.

Bros. James M. Broome, J. A. Phillips and A. M. Prevost.

Comee. to Examine the transactions of the Past Year and Select for Publication.

Bros. E. W. Keyser, C. V. Hagner and Geo. Fox.

Comee. on Bye Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Bros. Saml. Davis, Alva Mason and S. M. Stewart.

General Returns were Received, Read and ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

No. 52, Philadelphia.
" 72, Ditto.
" 115, Ditto. J—— S——, Rejected, Septr. 7/36.
" 155, Ditto.
" 186, Ditto.

A Petition was Received and Read from Lodge No. 51, signed by the officers, requesting Permission to hold an Election and Installation of W. M. and Senr. and Junr. Wardens at their next Stated night of Meeting, The W. M. Elect having declined Serving from Ill Health, which on Motion made and Seconded, was Granted.

The Grand Secretary stated from Authority that Lodges No. 67 and 115 had not yet been able to Instal the respective W.

Masters and begged Permission for them to do so in January, which was Granted.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that a Bond be taken from the Grand Treasurer in the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and that Bro^s. John Thomson and W^m. Stephens be accepted as his Sureties.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the time allowed to the Subordinate Lodges and Chapters for the Payment of their Dues, Rent, &c., for the year 1835 be extended to the 3^d Monday in January.

The following Communication was Received, Read and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

Extract from the minutes of Roxborough Lodge, N°. 135, Stated Meeting Night, Saturday, October 29th. 1836.

A Report of a Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the Usefulness of constituting the Roxborough Lodge, N°. 135, more Benevolent, was read, and the following Resolutions Unanimously adopted.

1st. That every Member of this Lodge shall pay for the Space of Six Months, 12½ Cents extra per Month to the Funds thereof.

2nd. The Members shall Pay all Dues or Arrears every Six Months in default of which they shall stand Suspended from weekly Benefits when Sick.

3rd. Members who refuse or neglect to Pay their Dues for Twelve Months shall be notified by the Secretary, and if the Notified Member does not Pay his Dues within one Month from his Notification he shall stand Suspended from all rights and Benefits of this Lodge.

4th. There shall be a Standing Committee of Relief, whose duty it shall be to visit such members, as may be reported sick to them, or to the Lodge, within Twenty Four Hours, and shall Continue to Visit them Once a Week thereafter during their Sickness, and if found Worthy and Qualified, shall present them with the weekly Benefit and shall Report thereon on every Stated Meeting Night.

5th. Every Brother must have been for Six Months a regular Contributary Member, and not Under Suspension of Resolution

the 2nd. if sick or unable to follow his Usual occupation he shall be entitled to Three Dollars per Week, provided that such Sickness or disability does not proceed from Intemperance or Immoral Conduct.

6th. At a Decease of a Brother of this Lodge there shall be Paid out of the Funds to his Widow, or if there be none, to his nearest relation, the Sum of Thirty Dollars, and at a Decease of the Wife of a Brother Twenty Dollars, which Money shall partly be refunded by a Contribution of Fifty Cents from each Member.

7th. Unanimously Resolved, that a Copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. for approbation.

Your most Honorable Body of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. will perceive out of the foregoing, that the Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, has passed Resolutions which we sincerely Hope will meet your approbation.

It is a true and undeniable Fact that our Beloved and Honored order is based upon the principles of Universal Benevolence, but we wish to Secure unto ourselves and Posterity more effectually those Blessings which will derive therefrom.

We therefore most respectfully beg leave to request of the most Honble. Body of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. to grant the Prayer of the Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, by approving of the aforesaid Resolutions.

Manyunk, Octr. 29th, 1836.

Signed by the Officers of Said Lodge and the Seal of the Lodge attached thereto.

On Motion of Bro. Wm. B. Watson and Seconded, by Bro. Wm. Stephens it was Resolved Unanimously, that a Past Grand Masters Apron, Jewel and Hanging be procured and Presented to Bro. Past Grand Master Freeman as a token of their high esteem and approbation for his valuable and effective Services during the long Period he was a Member and Officer of this Grand Lodge. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint the R. W. Deputy G. M. the R. W. Grd. Senr. Warden and the Grand Junr. Deacon to Carry the same into effect.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock, M.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grd. Sectry.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 16th, A. L. 5837, A. D. 1837.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bros.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Depy. Grd. Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Grd. Senr. Warden, P. T.
"	J. J. Kreider,	"	Grd. Junr. Warden, P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Grd. Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	Grd. Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	Depy.	Grd. Secty.
"	Wm. Mayweg,	Grd.	Senr. Deacon, P. T.
"	Wm. B. Watson,	"	Junr. Deacon.
"	Wm. Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	James Baker,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

Past Grd. Master Thos. Kittera, Grd. Chapln. Fuller.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being Represented the Grd. Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Ten Minutes before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following was Received and Read.

Stated Meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Loans held January 11th, 1837.

Letters were received and Read from Mrs. Esther Barton, by her Atty. Horace Binney, Junr., Esqr., and from Norris Stanley, Esqr., demanding Payment of the Principal held by them each respectively in the 5 pr. ct. Loan due 1st January, 1835, the former $3000 and the latter $1300 which on Motion made and Seconded, were Ordered to be filed. The Secretary Stated that the above named Persons were willing to let the Sums claimed by them remain until it suited the convenience of the Grand Lodge to Pay them by receiving in future Six per Cent instead of Five per Cent heretofore received.

Whereupon the Secretary was desired to Notify the Grand Lodge thereof.

Extract from the Minutes.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Sect^y. Trustees M. L^s.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Stockholders of the 5 p^r. ct. Loan of 1825 due 1st Jan^y., 1835 be Paid from and after the 1st January In^t. Six per Ct. p^r. Annum.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge N°. 186, requesting alterations in their Bye Laws, which was on Motion made and Seconded, Referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

The following Report was Received, Read and Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee appointed at the Annual Grand Communication on the Appeal of Johnson Kelly from Expulsion from Lodge N°. 9.

Beg leave to Report, that they met on Friday the 13th In^t. and after a long and Patient Investigation of the Case, are of Opinion that the Vote of Expulsion Passed by Lodge N°. 9 on Johnson Kelly should be confirmed.

Philad^a., Jany. 16th, 1837. Signed. ROB^T. DESILVER.
JOHN BRADLEY.
ALVA MASON.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Report from the Com^ee. of Finance was Received, Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Fourth Quarter Ending Decr. 27th, 1836.

Receipts.

For Lodge Dues, City and County, .	10.00	
Elsewhere, . .	167.00	177.00
" Certificates, ...		18.00
" Sales at Auction, ...		83.75
		278.75

Expenditures.

Interest to Stockholders due 1st July, . .	79.00
" on Mortgage to J. C. Fisher, . .	200.00
Grand Secretary Salary and Allowances, . .	200.00
" Tylers " and Tyling 3d and 4th Quarters, ...	85.50
Expense of Grand Visitations to Nos. 135 and 211,	8.40
Repairing Grand Lodge Seal, ...	6.00
Expenses on Hall, ...	88.25
	667.15
Payments exceeding Receipts, ...	388.40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, ENOS S. GANDY.
JOHN THOMSON.
J. W. DICKSON.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully present an Estimate of the Probable Receipts and Payments for the Year 1837.

Receipts.

Interest on Debt Due by Franklin Institute.			
Instalment due Jany. 1, 1838, . .	$25183.34		
" " " 1, 1840, . .	25183.33		
" " " 1, 1842, . .	25183.33		
	75550.00		
Interest on the above amount at 5 pr ct., . .			3777.50
Instalment due and Payable Jany. 1, 1836, which not being paid when due and demanded is legally chargeable with 6 pr. ct. Int., ...	$19.000		1140.00
Rent of Lodge and Chapter Rooms, .		700.00	
Dues from Members, City and County,		750.00	
Elsewhere, .		200.00	
Initiations, .		375.00	
Dispensations, .		100.00	
Rent of Cellar, .		200.00	2325.
			$7242.50

Payments.

Grand Secretary Salary and Allowances, . .		800.00
" Tyler "		175.00
Fuel, ...	200.00	
Taxes and Water Rent, . .	137.00	
Gas, ...	300.00	
Incidental Expenses, . .	100.00	737.00
J. Randall for Dahlgrens Estate, .	4250.00	
Interest payable April 18th, .	255.00	4505.00
Interest to Stockholders and Mortgage on New Hall, ...		4775.00
		10992.00
Excess of Payments over Receipts, . . .		3749.

This excess of expenditures arises from the fact of the defalcation of the Franklin Institute in their Engagements and the Debt due to Dahlgrens Estate falling due in April next. It is however believed by the Committee that the Trustees will arrange this estimated deficiency without causing any embarrassment to the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Enos S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
J. W. Dickson.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennª.:

The Committee of Finance agreeably to the Estimate presented beg leave to offer the following Resolutions for their adoption, Viz:

1st. Resolved, that the Sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Interest on Loans and Mortgage to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

2nd. Resolved, that the Sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Debt and Interest due to B. Dahlgrens Estate to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

3rd. Resolved, that the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by him under the Usual restrictions.

4th. Resolved, that the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars be and the Same is appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Tylers Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

5th. Resolved, that the Sum of Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Purchase of Fuel, Payment of Taxes, Water Rent, Gas and Incidental Expenses to be drawn for by the Chairman of the Hall Committee (when appointed) Under the Usual restrictions.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. Enos S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
Jany. 16th, 1837. J. W. Dickson.

The above Resolutions were on Motion made and Seconded, severally adopted except the 2nd Resolution which was laid on the Table.

The following Letter was Received and Read and Ordered to be placed on the Minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna.:

At your late Meeting you Kindly voted to me, an Apron and Collar, &c., as a Testimony of your Friendly Feelings. I was so overcome with this mark of favour by my Masonic Brethren that I was at the time unable even to express Thanks, much less could I refer to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, that no Collar, &c., should be presented to a past grand Master until the Fiscal Concerns of the Institution should be better Arranged. Permit me while I draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to that salutary resolution, (I decline of course the proffer), to assure the Brethren that the Spirit which dictated and adopted the Resolution is a Compensation for any Sacrifice, and is most dearly cherished by their Friend and Brother

T. B. Freeman.

Jany. 16th, 1837.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Grand Communication to Procure and Present to Bro. P. G. Master Freeman an Apron, Jewel, &c., were on motion made and seconded, discharged.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Propriety of appointing a Hall Committee be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Lodge N°. 67, asked Permission to Elect a Sect^y. at their Next stated night of meeting which was on Motion made and Seconded, Granted.

Lodge N°. 72, asked Permission to Elect a Senior Warden and to fill any Vacancy at their next Stated Night of Meeting, which was on Motion made and Seconded, Granted.

Lodge N°. 115, asked Permission to Instal their W. M. at their next Stated Night of Meeting, he not being able to attend at the last Stated Night of Meeting, which was on Motion made and Seconded, Granted.

It was Stated by the Grand Treasurer that Lodge N°. 187 were desirous of Meeting in the Grand Lodge Room instead of the Chapter Room, where they have met heretofore, the same was on Motion made and Seconded, Sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Isaac Phillips, W. M. of Lodge N°. 71, Stated that J—— P. D—— M. D., applied for Membership in his Lodge and at the last stated night of Meeting was Rejected.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Use of the Committee on Purchase and Sale to be drawn for by the Chairman under the usual restrictions.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°.	2,	Philad^a.	for	1836.
N°.	19,	ditto	"	"
N°.	51,	ditto	"	"
N°.	59,	ditto	"	"
N°.	62,	Reading,	"	"
N°.	125,	Philad^a.	"	"
N°.	152,	Easton,	"	"
N°.	158,	Philad^a.	"	"
N°.	187,	ditto	"	"

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening to Meet on the 1st Monday in February next.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secretary.

MONDAY, February 6th, A. L. 5837, A. D. 1837.

Grand Lodge of Pennna., Adjourned Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Grd. Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Depy. Gd. Master.
"	Joshn. R. Chandler,	"	Grd. S. W., P. T.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	Grd. J. W., P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	Grd. Treasurer.
"	S. M. Stewart,	"	Grd. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Depy. Grd. Sectry.		
"	Geo. Schott,	Grd.	S. Deacon.
"	Wm. B. Watson,	"	J. Deacon.
"	Wm. Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	Geo. Smith,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	J. D. Moore,		Pursuivant.
	Revd. Bro. Z. Fuller Grd. Chaplain.		

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 114, 115, 125 130, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The following was received and Read from Lodge No. 43, dated Lancaster, Jany. 25th, 1837, and referred to the Committee on Bye Laws, Viz: A Resolution was Unanimously offered and Passed Lodge No. 43 to alter and amend with the Consent of the Grand Lodge a Section of its Bye Laws, *i. e.* to be so altered in the eleventh Article as to make the Fees in future of the first and Second Degrees be Five Dollars instead of Ten. You will be good enough to lay this resolution before the Grand

Lodge for its Sanction and please forward me their approbation or Views upon it as soon as Convenient.

Signed. E. M. LENIGAN, Sect^y.
of Lodge N°. 43.

The following was received, Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1836.

Receipts.

Bal^e. in hands Gr^d. Treas^r. Decr. 27, 1835,	3229.21	
d^o. " " Gr^d. Sect^y. " "	787.	
d^o " " Com. on Purchase and Sale,	589.02	4605.33
Rec^d. from Lodges, City and County,	2634.99	
" " " Elsewhere,	298.	
		2932.99
Rent from lower Rooms Chestnut St. prior to March 1st.		830.
Rec^d. for Gas,		299.46
Balance General Expense a/c,		49.75
Policies of Insurance from Franklin Institute,		1530.
Rec^d. from Franklin Institute on a/c,		1000.
" " Sales at Auction,		493.75
" for Dispensations,		60.
" " Certificates,		32.
" " Ahiman Rezon,		1.50
" from Com. on Purchase and Sale,		410.
" Interest from Franklin Institute,		1338.61
Balance due Com. on Purchase and Sale,		2.40
	D^rs.	13585.69

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	2711.
" to Messrs. Kid and Fisher,	300.
Grand Secretary Salary and Allowances,	800.
" Tyler d^o. d^o.,	175.50

Expenses on Hall in Chestnut St.,		343.63
Gas Manufactory, do. "		169.12
John Y. Blacks Salary to 1st March,		75.
Paid on Hall in 3d. Street,		8258.62
" for Repairing Collars,		4.
" Porterage of Piano,		1.50
Expense Grand Visitation to No. 135 and 211,		8.40
Repairing Grand Lodge Seal Press,		6.
Balance in hands Grd Treasurer,	205.77	
" in " Grd. Secretary,	527.15	
		732.92
	Drs.	13585.92

Signed. Enos S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
A. E. Dougherty.

Philadelphia, Feby. 6th, 1837.

The following Report was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present an Account of the Fund Committed to their Care up to December 27th, 1836.

The Investments by the Comee. then was, Viz:

7 Certificates Masonic Loan at 6 pr. ct.,		700.
2 do. do. " " 5 " "		200.
2 do. Pennsylvania " " 5 " "		600.
8 Shares Southern Savings Institution Stock,		200.
4 Certificates Gas Loan Interest not Included,		432.50
Victor Pepins Note,		100.
Balance of Cash in Treasurers hands,		23.61
		2256.11
Investments and Cash per last Report,		2209.73
Showing an Increase Since last Report of,	Drs.	46.38

Dr. Rects. and Disbursements from Feby. 27th to Decr. 27th, 1836. Cr.

Apl.	8, To Cash in Treasury, . .	41.	June 8,	By cash for 8 Shares Southern Saving Instn. Stock at $25 each,	200.
	" " do. for B. Dorsey and Sons Note, .	133.70			
May	16, " Bal. from Saving Fund, .	7.91	Dec 27,	By Cash in Treasury, .	23.61
Augt.	13, " Int. on Mc. Loans, . .	26.			
	" do. on Penna. Loans, . .	15.			
		223.61			223.61

Philada., Jany. 25th, 1837.

Signed. Chas. Stout,
Chairman.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, (with the Resolution thereto appended) was adopted, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Propriety of appointing a Hall Committee Respectfully Report, that they have had the matter under Consideration and offer the following Resolution for the adoption of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed forthwith and annually thereafter to be Styled the "Hall Committee," which Committee shall have the Care of the Hall and Lot on which it is Erected, and the Supervision of the Jewels and Furniture of the Grand Lodge. That they provide the necessary Fuel and Light, Rent the Unoccupied Rooms and Building belonging to the Grand Lodge, and Report to the Grand Lodge Quarterly, the Changes in the Occupation of the Rooms and Building, and an account of their Receipts and Disbursements.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Comee. Bros. Charles MacCaraher, Saml. Ashmead and J. C. Smith.

Lodge No. 52, asked Permission to Elect and Instal a Senior

Warden, the Brother late Elected to that Station being about to leave the City, which was on Motion made and Seconded, Granted.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was Received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

No. 3, Philadelphia.
" 9, ditto. J—— K—— and S—— M——, Exp^d. U. M. C.
" 71, ditto.
" 81, Germantown.
" 82, Milford for 1835 and 1836.
" 114, Philadelphia.
" 135, Manyunk. M—— S——, Rejected May 31st. W—— C——, Rejected Decr. 24; two Brethren in this Lodge having been Entered, Passed and Raised in the Month of July the Grand Secretary was desired to make the necessary Enquiries.
No. 190, Norristown.
No. 211, Kensington.
No. 51, Returns of an Election held Jany. 26th.

The Subject of the delinquent Lodges laid over from 5th September to 27th December, 1836, from thence to 16th January, 1837, and from thence to the Present time, was then taken up and the Correspondence between each of them and the Grand Secretary, with such other Information as he was enabled to give having been read, it was on Motion made and Seconded, on each Separately Resolved, that the Warrants of the following be Vacated, Viz:

No. 21,	Harrisburg, . . .	Dauphin	Co.
" 45,	Pittsburg, . . .	Alleghany	"
" 46,	Lititz, ...	Lancaster	"
" 61,	Wilkesbarre, . . .	Luzerne	"
" 66,	Morgantown, . . .	Berks	"
" 70,	Athens, ...	Bradford	"
" 75,	Charlestown, . . .	Chester	"
" 83,	Damascus, . . .	Wayne	"
" 84,	Somerset, . . .	Somerset	"

No. 94,	New Hope,	Bucks	Co.
" 104,	New Holland,	Lancaster	"
" 106,	Williamsport,	Lycoming	"
" 108,	Wysox and Orwell,	Bradford	"
" 113,	Pittsburg,	Alleghany	"
" 116,	Marietta,	Lancaster	"
" 123,	York,	York	"
" 142,	Humphreyville,	Chester	"
" 143,	Chambersburg,	Franklin	"
" 144,	Milton,	Northumberland	"
" 146,	Meadville,	Crawford	"
" 147,	Bethany,	Wayne	"
" 150,	Troy,	Bradford	"
" 159,	Danville,	Columbia	"
" 162,	New London × Roads,	Chester	"
" 163,	Towanda,	Bradford	"
" 164,	Washington,	Washington	"
" 165,	Pittsburg,	Alleghany	"
" 168,	Doylestown,	Bucks	"
" 169,	Columbia,	Lancaster	"
" 171,	Pughtown,	Chester	"
" 172,	Lebanon,	Lebanon	"
" 173,	Lawrenceville,	Alleghany	"
" 174,	Downingtown,	Chester	"
" 176,	Mount Pleasant,	Westmoreland	"
" 178,	Huntingdon,	Huntingdon	"
" 179,	Middle Smithfield,	Pike	"
" 180,	Jefferson,	Greene	"
" 182,	Mercer,	Mercer	"
" 189,	Wellsboro,	Tioga	"
" 191,	Alvarado,	Mexico	"
" 192,	Bellefonte,	Centre	"
" 194,	New Berlin and Selins Grove,	Union	"
" 195,	Hatborough,	Bucks	"
" 196,	Mercersburg,	Franklin	"
" 198,	Shippensburg,	Cumberland	"
" 199,	Jersey Shore,	Lycoming	"
" 200,	Gettysburg,	Adams	"
" 203,	Lewistown,	Mifflin	"

N°. 204,	Tunkhannock, . . .	Luzerne,	C°.
" 206,	Rush Township, . .	Susquehanna	"
" 207,	Brooklyn, . . .	d°.	"
" 209,	Hillsboro, . . .	Washington	"
" 212,	Hanover, . . .	York	"
" 213,	Montrose, . . .	Susquehanna	"
" 215,	Union Town, . . .	Fayette	"

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodge N°. 64, Greensburg, Westmoreland C°., be allowed Until the 1st July next to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge Passed 7th March, 1836.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Case of Lodge N°. 69, Chester, Delaware C°., was referred to the Grand Officers with discretionary Power to take Such Steps as they may deem necessary.

On Motion made and Seconded, Six Months was allowed to the following Lodges to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge passed March 7th. 1836, Viz:

N°. 136, Abington, Montgomery C°.
" 141, Halifax, Dauphin C°.
" 151, Allentown, Lehigh C°.
" 156, Spring Grove, Lancaster C°.
" 201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton C°.

On Motion made and Seconded, Twelve Months was allowed to the following Lodges to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge Passed March 7th. 1836, Viz:

N°. 119, Gibson, Susquehanna C°.
" 132, Waynesburg, Chester C°.
" 217, Montevideo.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

MONDAY, March 6th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. John M. Read, R. W. G. M.
" " Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
" Wm. Stephens, " G. S. W.
" Jos$^{h.}$ R. Chandler, " G. J. W.
" R. R. Moore, " G. Treas$^{r.}$
" Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, " G. Sect$^{y.}$
" John Thomson, Dep$^{y.}$ G. Sect$^{y.}$
" Ge$^{o.}$ S. Schott, G. S. Deacon.
" Wm. B. Watson, G. J. Deacon.
" Zilotus Fuller, G$^{d.}$ Chaplain.
" Wm. Barger, G$^{d.}$ Marshal.
" E. S. Gandy, G$^{d.}$ Sword Bearer, P. T.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant.
Past Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Kittera.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 62, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Comm$^{n.}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 5^{th,} 1836,
" " " " Annual Grand Comm$^{n.}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} "
" " " " Extra Grand Comm$^{n.}$ Jan$^{y.}$ 16^{th,} 1837 and
" " " " Adjourned Extra Gr$^{d.}$ Comm$^{n.}$ Feb$^{y.}$ 6^{th,} 1837

were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were each Severally adopted.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

N$^{o.}$ 43, Lancaster.
N$^{o.}$ 60, Brownsville. L—— C——, S. N. D.
N$^{o.}$ 67, Philad$^{a.}$ J—— P. B——, Expelled Unmasonic Conduct.
N$^{o.}$ 91, ditto.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred (Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1836) Sundry Resolutions passed by Lodges N$^{o.}$ 135, held at Manyunk.

Respectfully Report,

That in their Opinion the Resolutions of this Lodge ought not to be Approved. Because, all the objects contemplated by the Resolutions can be effected by the regular mode which has been in use from time Immemorial amongst Masons for distributing Charity, and to make these Resolutions a part of the Bye Laws would be to Convert the Lodge into a mere beneficial society, and to change altogether the Masonic Usages on the Subject.

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. S. M. Stewart, } Com^ee.
March 6th. 1837. Alva Mason,

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred (Feby. 6th. 1837) a Resolution of Lodge N°. 43, held at Lancaster, Viz: To so be altered in the 11th Article of the Bye Laws as to make the Fees in future for the first and Second Degrees Five Dollars instead of Ten,

Respectfully Report,

That in their opinion the Resolution ought not to be approved, Because the Fees at present fixed by the Bye Laws are very moderate in proportion to the present Value of Money, and reducing them would be making Access to the Order too cheap.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alva Mason, } Comm^ee.
March 6th. 1837. J. M. Stewart,

The following Letter was Rec^d. and Read.

D^r. Sir,

I shall expect the Grand Lodge to Pay the $4250, when it becomes due. I hope you will make your arrangements accordingly. Yours &c.,

J. Randall.

28th Feb^y., 1837.

S. M. Stewart, Esq.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Trustees of the Debt due by the Franklin Institute be requested to State at the Next Meeting of the Grand Lodge the State of the Debt and the probable time in which it will be Paid.

On Motion of Bro. R. R. Moore and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodge No. 3 have leave to Elect and Instal a Senior and Junior Warden at its next Stated Meeting.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, stating their Proceedings in Novr. last was Received and referred to the Comee. on Correspondence.

The R. W. Grand Master announced the Appointment of the following.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Viz:

Bro. Thomas Jeffries of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Co., for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. Robt. W. Cumming of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. Danl. Herr of Reading, Berks Co., for the County of Berks.

Bro. Robert Clark of Brownsville, Fayette Co., for the Counties of Fayette and Greene.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton Co., for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased also to Announce, that on Monday the 20th of the present Month he would Open a Lodge of Instruction and the Grand Secretary was desired to Notify the Members of the Grand Lodge accordingly.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half Past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, March 20th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to Notice given by Order of the R. W. Grd. Master the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master Opened a Lodge of Instruction and delivered a Lecture

upon the Opening and Closing and also on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction Adjourned to Meet this night 2 Weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Sect^y.

MONDAY, April 3^d, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Extra Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Dep^y. G. M.
"	Jos^h. R. Chandler,	"	G^d. Senr. Warden, P. T.
"	Francis Cooper,	"	" Junr. W., P. T.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	" Treas^r., P. T.
"	C. H. Housekeeper,	"	" Sect^y., P. T.
"	G. S. Schott, Gr^d. Senr. Deacon.		
"	C. S. Peaslee, Gr^d. Junr. Deacon, P. T.		
"			Grand Marshal.
"		"	Sword Bearer.
"	Femington,	"	Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 135, 158, 186 and 211 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Eight o'clock in the Evening.

Bro. Joseph R. Chandler offered the following, prefaced with a few very Happy remarks appropriate to the Occasion.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge have learned that their Esteemed Brother and late R. W. Grand Master, George M. Dallas has accepted from the Government of the United States the appointment of Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of St. Petersburg, and is about to depart on his Mission, Therefore be it Resolved,

That this Grand Lodge entertains a due Sense of the Services of Bro. Dallas to this Body and to Masonry in General, as well by his manly firmness in Sustaining the rights of the Craft as by his Urbanity as a Brother and dignified deportment as

Grand Master, respectfully and affectionately tender to him their congratulations upon his Honorable appointment and their Hearty Wishes for his Health and Happiness with that of his Family while abroad.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, that Brothers Chandler, Perkins, Cooper, Prevost and Schott be a Committee to Convey the foregoing Resolution to Bro. Dallas in an appropriate manner.

The following Letter was Received and Read, Viz:

At a Stated Meeting of C. S. Lodge held on the 15th Instt. it was on Motion, Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to Confer with the Grand Lodge on the Subject of our present condition. We are reduced in Numbers, impoverished in Means by reason of (our active) members withdrawing, no Initiations, and the delinquency of Members in not Paying their Dues. It is true our returns make a fair Show, but out of 24 who remained Members at the close of 1836, not more than 10 have paid their Dues, (and a Portion of these have withdrawn this Year), we are in consequence unable to sustain ourselves as a Lodge, (unless our Brethren of the Grd. Lodge will permit us to labor exempt from Dues). We do not wish to close our labors entirely but to Suspend them for a time respectfully asking permission to retain our Furniture, &c., &c., in the hope that we may at a future day resume our Labors. Our Returns for 1836 shall be made out and forwarded and whatever Balance may remain after Satisfying the claims upon us here shall be transmitted to you. We have thus far in our transactions with our Brethren of the Grand Lodge have no cause to reproach ourselves and we cherish a Hope that they will take our case into Consideration. We do feel confident that we are addressing those whose Bosoms Glow with that Heaven born Virtue, Charity, and that we are not making our requests in Vain; with a Hope that we may receive an *Early* Answer, we Remain

Fraternally yours,

Signed. Geo. W. Sheafer.
John P. Lyne.
Saml. Elliott.

Carlisle, March 21, 1837,

Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved,

That Lodge N°. 197, held at Carlisle, be permitted to dispense with the Labors and Meetings of the said Lodge for One Year from St. Johns day last, and that the Lodge be exempt from Grand Lodge Dues for the Present Year.

Resolved, that the Brethren who have Signed the Communication from Lodge N°. 197 to the Grand Lodge (just Read) Viz: Bros. Geo. W. Sheafer, John P. Lyne and Saml. Elliott Be and they are hereby Authorized and directed to take charge of the Furniture, Jewels, &c., and Property of said Lodge and make out a Compleate Inventory thereof and forward the Same to the Grand Secretary, and that the Grand Lodge hold them responsible for the same, in the Event of the Said Lodge not resuming her Labors at the termination of the Dispensation hereby Granted.

A Communication was Recd. and Read from Lodge N°. 72, desiring Certain Alterations in their Bye Laws which was Referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at a Quarter Past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, April 3d, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to Adjourment from the 20th March, the Members of the Grand Lodge Met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Lecture on the Fellow Craft degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night two weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Secty.

FRIDAY, April 14th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

The R. W. Grand Master by the Authority Vested in him Convened a Number of the Members of the Grand Lodge at 2

o'clock in the Afternoon of this day and Announced his Intention to Enter, Pass and Raise to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason the Reverend James Wiltbank.

Present:

Bro.	John M. Read, W. M.	Bro.	R. R. Moore, Treas$^{r.}$
"	W$^{m.}$ Stephens, S. W.	"	S. M. Stewart, Sect$^{y.}$
"	J. R. Chandler, J. W.	"	Z. Fuller, Chaplain.

Brothers Schott, Watson, Cooper, Barger, Gandy, W$^{m.}$ Brown, Ge$^{o.}$ Carter, Elias, Stout, Peaslee, Dickson, Campbell, Van Osten, Weeks and others.

Entered Apprentice Lodge Opened in Ancient form at 20 Minutes Past 2 o'clock.

The Rev$^{d.}$ James Wiltbank was Introduced and Received the first degree of Masonry.

Entered Apprentice Lodge closed.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Opened.

Bro. Wiltbank was Introduced and Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Closed.

Master Masons Lodge Opened.

Bro. Wiltbank was Introduced and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 Minutes before 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Sect$^{y.}$

Lodge of Instruction.

Monday, April 17$^{th.}$ A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to Adjournment from the 3^{d} In$^{t.}$ the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Lecture on the Master Masons Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night 2 Weeks.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, May 1st, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 17th Ult°. the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Practical Lecture on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night 2 Weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, May 15th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to Adjournment from the 1st Int. the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Practical Lecture on the Fellow Crafts Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this Night 2 Weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, May 29th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 15th Int. the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Practical Lecture on the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge of Instruction Closed.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

MONDAY, June 5th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Grd. Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Depy. Grd. Master.
"	Alva Mason,	"	Grd. Senr. Warden, P. T.
"	William Hutton,	"	" Junr. Warden, P. T.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	" Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	" Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	Depy.	Grd. Secretary.
"	Zilotus Fuller,	Grd.	Chaplain.
"	William Whitney,	"	Senr. Deacon, P. T.
"	William B. Watson,	"	Junr. Deacon.
"	William Barger,	"	Marshal.
		"	Sword Bearer.
"	George Carter,	"	Pursuivant.
"	Thos. Jeffries, D. D.	"	Master from Lancaster Co.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158 and 211 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Quarterly Grand Communication of March 6th,

" Extra Grand Communication of April 3rd, and

" Minutes of a Lodge held by the R. W. Grand Master April 14th were Read, and on Motion made and Seconded, were each severally adopted.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report, that in Consequence in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Purchase and Sale, and not having recd. his Accounts are unable at this time to present a Statement of accounts for First Quarter.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed. E. S. GANDY, W. H. ADAMS and JOHN THOMSON.

Philada., June 5th, 1837.

The Committee on Bye Laws Reported on the Bye Laws of Lodges N°. 72 and 186, the Consideration of which was postponed until next Meeting.

Communications were received and Read from Lodges N°. 81, Germantown, and from 121, Philadelphia, Submitting Sundry Alterations in their Bye Laws which were referred to the Committee on Bye Laws.

A Communication was Received from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Hall Committee of the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$ appointed by the R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Master at the last Grand Quarterly Communication, Feb$^{y.}$ 6^{th,} 1837,

Report,

That they met on Feb$^{y.}$ 10^{th,} 1837, organized and entered upon their Duties, the Dwelling House attached to the Hall being occupied by Bro. Cha$^{s.}$ Schnider, Gr$^{d.}$ Tyler, by authority from the Building Committee with an Understanding from them, that he should hold Possession of it while the Hall was Undergoing the necessary alterations, and to take charge of the Building, your Committee thought it advisable that they should have a further understanding with Bro. Schnyder and agreed with him that he should occupy the said back Dwelling House for one year from St. Johns day last without any charge of Rent, and as an equivalent for the same he is to take good care of the Hall and premises and keep the same in a neat and clean condition.

Your Committee further State that they found the North and South Cellars occupied, and from enquiry from Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$ that he had let them to M$^{r.}$ John Mackie at One Hundred Dollars per Year for each for the purpose of a Bottling Establishment. The two South Rooms down stairs being unoccupied, your Committee considered as the Grand Lodge had no immediate use for them, deemed it most advisable to have them Rented, and succeeded in so doing. The

front Room has been taken by Mr. John Mackie (the same Gentlemen who has the Cellars), for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year for to be and as an Office. The Back Room they have rented to the Revd. Frederick Plummer for the purpose of holding Religious meetings of Worship on Sundays *only*, for which he is to Pay One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars per Year and to have the Use of the Gas Lights, (Twenty Five Dollars is supposed will cover the Expense of the Gas Lights), as there was no apparatus in the Room for Burning of Gas your Committee was under the necessity of incurring some expense for a New Chandalier for the purpose of lighting the Room and as it would be a permanent fixture (the Building Committee anticipating at some future time the necessity of Lighting the Room had left a Stop for the purpose, when they were putting in the Gas Fixtures, which has saved much Expense and Trouble at the present time), they have put up such a One as they deemed most appropriate for Neatness and durability.

Your Committee have drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars as per Statement, for the purpose of defraying the Necessary expenses incurred this Quarter ending March 31, 1837.

Your Committee have satisfaction in Stating to the Grand Lodge that all the Apartments unoccupied by the Grand Lodge are now Rented and the Nett sum arising therefrom will Amount to Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars. All which is respectfully submitted.

Chas. McCaraher.
Saml. Ashmead,
John C. Smith.

March 31, 1837.

The following Report was received, Read, ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report the Titles and Balances from the Ledger of the Grd. Lodge on the 27th December, 1836, the following being a Transcript of the same, Viz:

Debits.

Due from Philad^a. City and County Lodges,	2639.34	
" " G^d. and Sub^e. Chapters and Mark Lodge, ...	163.50	
" " Lodges out of the County supp^d. good, ...	247.	
" " Lodges who had further time granted Under Resolution 6th Feb^y., 1837 (Doubtful), .	599.99	
" " Lodges whose Warrants have been Vacated and their a/c since Closed by Profit and Loss, (Bad), ...	4667.21	
" " District Deputy Grand Masters, .	146.69	
" " Disbursing and Receiving officers,	732.92	
" " Miscellaneous Debtors, . .	1075.25	
Sinking Fund Consisting of		
49 Shares Masonic 6 p^r. ct. Loan, . .	4900.	
Cash in hands of the Treasurer, . .	40.65	
		4940.65
Charity Com. of Grand Lodge.		
7 Shares 6 p^r. ct. Masonic Loan, . .	700.	
2 " 5 p^r. ct. " " . .	200.	
2 " 5 p^r. ct. Penn^a. " . .	600.	
8 " Southern Savings Institution, .	200.	
4 Certificates Gas Loan, ...	432.50	
Victor Pepins Note, ...	100.	
Cash in Treasurers hands, ...	23.61	
		2256.11
Investments Girard Charity Fund.		
36 Certificates 6 p^r. ct. Masonic Loan, .	3600.	
33 d^o. 5 " " d^o. " .	3300.	
1 d^o. of Debt. 5 p^r. ct. Payable 1845, ...	6000.	
1 d^o. to be Issued 1st Jan^y., 1837 on demand with Interest at the rate of 6 p^r. ct., . .	3964.16	
102 Shares F. and M. Bank Stock, . .	5100.	
3 d^o. Kensington " " . .	150.	
		22114.16

Gas Manufactory.		
Balance of this Acct.,		3503.37
Franklin Institute.		
Balance of this A/c.,		94550.
Property in South 3rd Street.		
Cost,	25000.	
Altering and Repairing,	8009.17	
		33009.17
Ahiman Rezon.		
Balance of this a/c.,		941.40
Total of Debits,		$171586.76

Credits.

Fourth Masonic Loan redeemable 1840 6 pr. ct.,	20.000.
Masonic Debt " " 6 pr. ct.,	14.500.
Masonic Loan due 1835 5 pr. ct.,	19.000.
Masonic Debt " " 5 pr. ct.,	500.
Trustees Girard Legacy redeemable 1845 5 pr. ct.,	6.000.
Certificates of Debt to J. Randall due 12th April, 1837 at 6 per Cent,	4.250.
Certificate of Debt to Girard Charity Fund to be dated 1st Jany., 1837, on Demand at 6 pr. ct.,	3.964.16
Mortgage to Robt. Kid on Property in So. 3d. St.,	4.000.
Mortgage to Jas. C. Fisher " " "	6.666.66
Mortgage to City Dancing Assembly " "	5.500.
Total of Loans on Mortgage and Debts bearing Interest,	84.380.82
Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street,	58.713.54
Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge,	2.256.11
Stephen Girard Charity Fund,	22.105.84
Stockholders of the Loans,	926.
Trustees of the Girard Bequest,	8.32
Committee on Purchase and Sale,	2.40
Country Lodges,	50.
District Deputy Grand Masters,	30.50
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania being the Balance of all other Accounts in favor of the Grand Lodge,	3.113.23
	$171.586.76

There has been Carried to the Account of Profit and Loss during the past year for deductions on accounts owing by the City and County Lodges, Chapters and Mark Lodge, and also such of the Country Lodges as have complied with the Resolution of March 7th, 1836,

The Sum of	10072.88	
And Since then from the accounts of Lodges, whose Warrants were Vacated 6th Feby., 1837, ...	4667.21	
		14740.09
The General Expense A/c for 1835 was, .	2163.99	
" " " " " 1836 " .	3882.07	
		6046.06

The latter Year Including Removal from Chestnut Street and other Unusual Items.

Dispensations Granted in 1835, . .	75.	
" " " 1836, . .	60.	
		135.
Certificates Issued in 1835, . .	32.	
" " " 1836, . .	32.	
		64.
Ahiman Rezon Sold in 1835, . .	3.	
" " " " 1836, . .	1.50	
		4.50
Rents received in 1836, . .	720.34	
less Lodge No. 131, ...	30.	
		690.24

25 Lodges in the City and County of Philada. had during the Year 1835 In. 59, Ad. 30, Cd. 120, Total 718 Members.
" " " 1836 less No. 102 not heard from In. 58, Ad. 40, Cd. 92, Total 707 Members.

13 Lodges out of the County heard from in 1835 had In. 29, Ad. 13, Cd. 85, Total 266 Members.

8 Lodges out of 23 who are either in operation or have had further time granted Under the Resolution of Feby. 6th, 1837, had in 1836, In. 26, Ad. 22, Cd. 36, Total 204.

After taking from the Debit side of the Balance sheet all the Bad (Including N$^{o.}$ 131) and Doubtful Debts, Amounts due by D. D. Gr$^{d.}$ Masters, the Accounts of David Nathans and Anth$^{y.}$ Bonnaffon, the Gas Manufactory, the Altering and Repairing the 3$^{d.}$ Street Property and the Ahiman Rezon Amounting in all to $19732.08,

And from the Credit Side,

The Amount Charged to Masonic Hall Chestnut St., to D. D. Grand Masters and to the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge of Pennsylvania Am$^{g.}$ in all to $61857.27.

The Finances of the Grand Lodge stand thus, Viz: it had on the 27th Dec$^{r.}$ last,

Good Debts owing by Lodges in the City and County of Philad$^{a.}$ Chapters, &c.,	2013.84	
Good Debts out of the County, . .	247.	
Due by Disbursing and Receiving Officers,	732.92	
Sinking Fund, ...	4940.65	
Investments of Girard Charity Fund, .	22114.16	
Due by Franklin Institute, . . .	94550.	
Property in South Third Street, . .	25000.	
		149598.57
Charity Fund of Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge (Omitted above) .		2256.68
		151854.68

And Owed Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} last.

In Loans on Mortgage and Debts bearing Interest, ...	84380.82	
Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, .	2256.11	
Stephen Girard Charity Fund, . .	22105.84	
Stockholders of the Loans, . . .	926.	
Trustees of the Girard Bequest, . .	8.32	
Com. on Purchase and Sale, . . .	2.40	
Country Lodges, ...	50.	
		109729.49
Excess of Property over liabilities, the Gas Loan out of the Question, ...		42125.19

Respectfully Submitted.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$

The following Communication was received and Read, Viz:

Pittsburg, April 12th, 1837.

Rt. W. G. Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penna.

Sirs and Brothers,

We the Undersigned Committees Appointed by Lodges No. 45 and No. 113 of this City for the Purpose of Communicating to you the present State of our Lodges, &c., beg leave to lay before you the following brief Statement, Viz:

We presume it is well known to you the persecution we have labored under for several years past, which has been the cause of many of our luke warm Members withdrawing their aid and Support from us; there still is a worthy few who adhere strictly to the Good cause in this City and are determined that the Institution shall revive amongst us; but when on examination of the State of our several Lodges we find we are in Arrears to your honorable Body, more Dues and arrears of Dues than we would be able to Pay for years to come. It casts a Gloom on our Prospects. We have Members on our Books whose arrears of Dues Amount to between Two and Three Thousand Dollars, all of which there is no possibility of Collecting, and for Three or Four years past, we could scarcely collect as much as Paid our necessary Expenses. In order to get as many of the Members together who would attend and use their exertions in reviving the Lodges, we exonerate all such from arrears up to Decr. 27th, 1837, and all those who do not avail themselves of the Resolution shall be suspended or expelled agreeable to the Instructions we may receive from you touching this matter.

Agreeable to the above arrangements, we beg of your Honorable Body to view our situation in a favorable Light, and if you can consistently exonerate our Lodges from all Dues and Arrears of Dues up to Decr. 27th, 1836, We shall from that Date contribute our Regular Dues, &c., and shall communicate to you regularly every thing that shall be required of us by you appertaining to our Several Lodges. We would also beg of you to communicate to us from time to time any Information that would enlighten and inform us of the State of our Ancient and Honorable Institution, as such communications would always be cheering to the Worthy Brethren in this City,

who have been the means of supporting the Institution through the dark Days and Years of adversity through which we have passed. Annexed are the names of our Members in Good Standing and who Strictly attend to the Duties of the Lodge, also the Names of Members in Bad Standing with the Amounts they Severally owe opposite their Names. We mean by Bad Standing, all those who do not contribute any thing towards the Support of the Lodge and are in Arrears. Neither do they countenance us with their presence at our Meetings.

We submit the Above Statement to your favorable Consideration and Remain in the Bonds of Fraternal Love and Esteem.

James Paul, } Committee of
Dawson Wadsworth, } Lodge N°. 45.
H. N. Swartz,
John Nelson, } Committee of
James Shane, } Lodge N°. 113.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had on the 20th April replied to the above Communication in a Letter Submitted to and approved by the R. W. Grand Master, and also had forwarded by private hand 7 Setts of Blank Returns to each of the above Mentioned Lodges.

Whereupon, on Motion of Bro. R. R. Moore and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Communication from Lodge N°. 45 and 113 held at Pittsburg be referred to a Special Committee, and the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint Bros. Moore, Gandy and Carter said Committee.

General Returns were Received, Read and ordered to be filed, from the following Lodges.

N°. 22, Sunbury.
" 121, Philadelphia.
" 130, Philadelphia.
" 131, Philadelphia.
" 197, Carlisle.

Lodge N°. 131, tendered with their Returns a Receipt for their Jewels, Books and Property Signed by the Grand Tyler also the Warrant of their Lodge which was on Motion made and Seconded, Accepted.

The following was rec$^{d.}$ and Read and referred to the Trustees of the Real Estate.

Charles Robb, Esq$^{r.,}$

Dear Sir,

I am requested by M$^{rs.}$ Kid to inform you that she will require Payment at maturity, (16th May next), of your Bond for $4000 loaned on Mortgage on Washington Hall by her Husband, the late Robert Kid.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Serv$^{t.,}$

M. P. Mitchell.

Philad$^{a.,}$ March 24^{th,} 1837.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had rec$^{d.}$ a Letter from the W. M. of late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 75, Charlestown, Chester C$^{o.}$ stating that he had forwarded 2 Trunks Containing the Warrant, Jewels and Property of said Lodge, the Keys of which he handed when the Writer came to the City. The Trunks had been received, but the Contents not known, the Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary would be enabled by the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge to give more Correct Information on the Subject.

Permission was asked for by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9 and granted, to Elect and Instal a Senior and Junior Warden, the former being about to remove from the State and has never been Installed.

The following was referred to the Committee of Finance:

1835, April 1, Interest for the Season of 1834, 1835 under agreement of R. Kid, 4 p$^{r.}$ ct. on $5500,	220.
1836, April 1, One Years Interest due from Grand Lodge 6 per Cent, ...	330.
1837, April 1, One Years Interest due from Grand Lodge, 6 per Cent, ...	330.
	$880.

Philad$^{a.,}$ 6th May, 1837.

Dear Sir,

Above is the Statement I promised to furnish you of the Amount of Interest due on the Building in Third Street, pur-

suant to the arrangement made by the Trustees of the City Dancing Assembly Fund, under the resolutions of the Proprietors on the 29th July, 1835. The agreement of the Trustees at that time with the Committee of the Grand Lodge, was that they would relinquish the Stipulations in Mr. Kids Mortgage by which they were to have the Use of the Rooms during Eight Nights every year, on payment of Six per Cent. Interest, or would receive back the principal Sum of $5500. I have frequently Spoken to Mr. Chandler on the Subject since, but circumstances with which you are acquainted have prevented the completion of the Arrangement. The Trustees are now desirous to close it as I understand the Grand Lodge prefer retaining the Money at Six per Cent. Interest. The relinquishment of the Use of the Rooms may be made by a covenant on the existing Mortgage, or, if there are no subsequent Incumbrances, by a new one, whichever you prefer.

I shall be obliged by the Payment of the Interest as soon as Convenient.

Very respectfully yours,

H. D. Gilpin,
Treasr.

John M. Read, Esqr.,
Grd. Master of the G. L. Penna.

The Grand Secretary was desired to Enquire, what is the Amount of Initiation Fee and yearly Dues charged by each Lodge in the City and County of Philada. and whether there has been any deviation from the Amounts now charged, for the last two years; also, to address the Committee on Correspondence Individually and request them to Report.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half Past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grd. Sectry.

Monday, Septr. 4th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Gr$^{d.}$ Master.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Sen$^{r.}$ G. W.
"	James Hickey,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ G. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,	"	Gr. Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$
"	Allen, Sen$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Deacon, P. T.		
"	W$^{m.}$ B. Watson, Jun$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Deacon.		
"	Zilotus Fuller, Gr$^{d.}$ Chaplain.		
"	W$^{m.}$ Barger, Gr$^{d.}$ Marshal.		
"	Gr$^{d.}$ Sword Bearer.		
"	J. Dalzell Moore, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant.		

P. G. Master Bro. Newcomb.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 102, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 186, 187, and 211 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 20 Minutes past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of June 6th were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The Grand Tylers Receipt for the Warrant, Jewels, &c., of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 177, formerly held in Delaware Township, Pike C$^{o.,}$ which were found in the Garret of a House in Walnut St. between front and 2nd St. by the Grand Secretary was Read and Ordered to be filed.

An Inventory of the Jewels and Property of late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 75, formerly held at Charlestown, Chester C$^{o.,}$ and the G. Tylers Receipt for the Same, (Including the Warrant), was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, the Same were Received and Ordered to be filed.

A Letter was Received and Read from Bro. James Paul on behalf of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 45 and 113, held at Pittsburg, asking to be reinstated and their Dues Remitted, also Containing the proceedings of a Joint Meeting of those two Lodges held in Pittsburg the 30th June last, wherein Bro. John Birmingham

a Past Master and Member of Lodge N°. 45 was Unanimously recommended for the office of D. D. Grand Master for that District.

Whereupon, the following Report and Resolution thereto Attached were Read and the Resolution Unanimously Adopted, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Undersigned having been Appointed a Special Committee in the Case of Lodges N°. 45 and 113, held in Pittsburg, and whose Warrants were Vacated on the 6th Feby. having learned from the Grand Secretary that he had received the Returns of the said Lodges from the Years 1830 and 1836 Inclusive and also a Letter from Bro. James Paul on behalf of the said Lodges, Praying for leave to Continue their Labors, which Letter having been submitted to the R. W. Grand Master, the Grand Secretary replied to Under the Approval of the R. W. Grand Master, beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved,

That the Dues of Lodge N°. 45 and 113, held in Pittsburg, be remitted to the 27th December, 1836, and that the Sanction of the R. W. Grand Master to the said Lodges N°. 45 and 113 to resume their Labors as Stated in the Letters of the Grand Secretary of April 20th and July 8th be and the same are hereby approved and Confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted.

ROBINSON R. MOORE.
ENOS S. GANDY.

Philad^a., Septr. 4th, 1837.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce that he had Appointed Bro. John Birmingham, District Deputy Grand Master, for the County of Allegheney.

A Letter was Received and Read from W. W. Steele, W. M. and the other Officers of Lodge N°. 156, held at Chestnut Level, Praying for a Remission of Dues, &c., Whereupon, the following Resolution was Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge Sanction the Remission of the Dues of Lodge N°. 156, held at Chestnut Level, according to the Letter written to Bro. W. W. Steele, W. M. of said Lodge by the Grand Secretary, August 23^d last and approved

of by the R. W. Grand Master, and that the account of Said Lodge be Balanced by Profit and Loss to the 27th December last.

The following was received, Read and ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes.

Mount Carbon, 18th Augt., 1837.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed you will find Returns for Pulaski Lodge, No. 216, for the Years 1833, 4, 5 and 6 as requested in your favors of last October, they were made out by our present Secretary Bro. Thomas Mills, at a great deal of Trouble owing to the inattention and carelessness with which the Minutes, Accounts, &c., of the Lodge for the last few Years were kept. They are as accurate as it is possible to make them from the Records of the Lodge (Existing) and I trust that, (Under the Circumstances), they will be deemed Satisfactory.

In future the proceedings and indeed the whole affairs of the Lodge shall be conducted with more order, Harmony and Regularity, as it was for that purpose Solely, that induced me (much against my Wishes) to serve a Second time in the Chair. Has not the Grand Lodge reduced the Yearly Dues, Initiation Fees, &c., &c. We need a Lecturer more than any other Lodge in the State for these reasons. We have members from all parts of the Union and from all parts of the World, all of whom are used to different ways of working and none of us as bright as we ought or should like to be. There is not a better, if as good a Location for a Lodge (under your Jurisdiction) as Pottsville, with a Wide Field for Usefulness around it, (being in the Heart of the Coal region), and with a little encouragement the prospect of Prosperity unexampled by any Subordinate Lodge in the State. We should therefore be exceedingly gratified if the Grand Lodge would Grant our request. I should be pleased to hear from you in answer to the above by the Bearer, Bro. Geo. C. Wynkoop who has recently been Entered. I shall at all times be Happy to hear from you whenever you have any thing to Communicate for the Good of the Order generally or of our Lodge in particular.

Respectfully and fraternally Ys.,

Andw. B. White.

Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr.,
Grd. Secty.

A Letter was received and Read from Bro. Henry Berrell on behalf of Lodge N°. 136, held at Abington, requesting further time for the Lodge to make its Returns.

Whereupon, it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that Lodge N°. 136, be allowed further time, say Until St. Johns day next, to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of 7th March, 1836.

The following Letter addressed to the Grd. Secretary was Received and Read.

Sir and Brother,

I avail myself of the Politeness of Bro. G. W. Sheafer to transmit you an Inventory of Lodge Furniture, &c., together with a Schedule of the Debts due to C. S. Lodge by delinquent Members to be disposed of as the W. G. L. in their Wisdom may direct. You will observe that the *Warrant* is not enumerated in the Catalogue. It was on the Evening of our last Meeting forcibly taken from the Lodge Room by Bro. Willis Foulke. He has since been expostulated with and has promised to return it but has not as yet done so.

The Balance remaining in the Treasurers Hands you will perceive is Small, but it is all we have remaining after defraying the necessary Expenses incurred upon restoring the rooms to their original Situations, &c., &c. Bro. S. can give you any facts you may wish and should you be at a loss respecting any of the Accounts, I will with Pleasure give you any Information you may require.

Fraternally,

SAML. ELLIOT, Secty.,
C. S. L.

Carlisle, July 8th, 1837.

Accompanying the above were the Returns of the Lodge N°. 197, to the time of Suspension July 1st. Schedule of the Debts due to the Lodge Amt. $108.65 and Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer, 12 Cents; also an Inventory of the Property Signed by Saml. Elliot late Secty. of C. S. Lodge, N°. 197, all of which were ordered to be filed.

The following Letter was Received and Read.

Halifax, Dauphin Co.,
S. M. Stewart, Esqr., July 30th, 1837.
Sir and Brother,

I have before me a Letter addressed to Nicholas Boyers on the Subject of Lodge No. 141. The Lodge has had no Meeting since June, 1834. I was Elected W. M. for that Year. The Returns for 1833 I thought had been Sent, but our Condition in this Part is Bad, and the Secretary has not attended to it. We would I think be able to Pay all our Arrearages if the Debts of the Lodge could be collected, and have the House Built for a Hall clear and Unincumbered. I do not think that the Lodge can Comply with the Resolution of 7th March, 1836. There are but Four or Five Members now that remain, to whom I could look or expect any support to the Lodge at present. This Letter I address to you in my Individual Capacity. I am very Solicitous that we might be able to Continue as a Lodge but how I do not know. If I can get the Returns I will forward them Soon. The Excitement has operated against us here much to our Injury. I will endeavor to get such other Information as may be more satisfactory and forward to you soon.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

JOSEPH BURBACKER.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodge No. 141, be allowed further time say Until St. Johns Day next to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge of 7th March, 1836.

The following was Received and Read.

Mauch Chunk, July 27/37.

Saml. M. Stewart, Grd. Secty.,
Sir and Brother,

Permit me to Inform you that an Election for Officers for Mauch Chunk Lodge, No. 201, has been held and officers elected, the said officers to be Installed on the Evening of the 16th

August next which is the regular Stated Night of Meeting of said Lodge; the time given to said Lodge by the Grand Lodge to resume the Labors of the Said Lodge will Expire on the 6th August next. The Jewels and effects of the Said Lodge is held by me in Trust to deliver to the Grand Lodge should the said Lodge not sooner resume her Labors. I now beg to be Instructed by you whether I shall hold the said Effects until after the Installation of the Officers Elect for the said Lodge and after the Installation deliver them to the said Officers, or whether I shall on or before the 6th August next deliver the Said Effects to the Grand Lodge.

I would most cheerfully recommend that the Warrant and other Effects of the Lodge should be delivered to the said newly Elected Officers as I should consider them perfectly Safe in their hands.

The Grand Lodge will be furnished with a Return of the Said Election as Soon as practicable.

Your Obt. Servt.,

JOHN LEISEMING,
Late W. M. of Lodge No. 201.

The Grd. Secretary read his reply to the Above from Letter Book No. 5, Page 75, Stating that Bro. Leiseming would be justified in delivering up the Warrant, Jewels, &c., to the newly Elected Officers. Whereupon, it was on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Proceedings in the Case of Lodge No. 201 as Stated in the Letter of Bro. Leiseming of July 27th and the Grand Secretarys Reply of the 29th July be and the Same are hereby Sanctioned and Approved.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

No.	45, Pittsburg	for	1830, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
"	102, Frankford	"	1836.
"	113, Pittsburg	"	1830, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
"	138, Orwigsburg,	"	1836.
"	156, Spring Grove,	"	1832, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
"	208, Bloomfield	"	1836.
"	216, Pottsville	"	1836.

The Committee of Finance made the following Reports on the first and Second Quarters of the present Year which were Read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the first Quarter Ending March 31^{st,} 1837.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, . . .	589.	
Elsewhere, ...	59.50	
		648.50
Rents, from Chapters N$^{o.}$ 3 and 91, ...		44.
Dispensations, from Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$		25.
Certificates, " " "		4.
Ahiman Rezon, " " "		3.
Interest, from Franklin Institute, ...		2363.75
		3088.25

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . .	1063.50		
d$^{o.}$ on Certificate to Randall,	127.50		
		1191.	
For Altering and Repairing Hall by Com. on P. and S., ...		880.54	
" General Expenses, Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{ys.}$ Salary and All$^{e.,}$ . .	200.		
" Gr$^{d.}$ Tylers Salary and All$^{e.,}$	49.50		
Printing Blanks for Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer, ...	8.25		
Expended by Hall Com., . .	191.07		
		448.82	
			2520.36
Receipts exceeding expenditures, ...			567.89

All of which is respectfully Submitted by

E. S. Gandy, John Thomson and W. H. Adams.

Philad$^{a.,}$ July 27^{th,} 1837.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the Second Quarter ending June 30th, 1837.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, ...	229.	
Elsewhere, ...	75.	
		304.
Rents from Hall Com. for Rent of Cellars, . . .		50.
Dispensations, from Gr^d. Sect^y., ...		10.
Certificates, from Gr^d. Secretary, ...		8.
Interest, from Franklin Institute, ...		2458.75
		2830.75

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . .	68.00		
to Holders of Mortgages and Certificate,	427.50		
		495.50	
Genl. Expenses, Gr^d. Secretarys Salary and Allow^e., .	200.00		
Gr^d. Tylers d^o.	61.50		
Incurred in Gr^d. Visitations, &c., . .	30.75		
Expended by Hall Com., .	116.92		
		409.17	
Altering and Repairing Hall, by Com. on P. and S., ...		19.36	
Lodge N°. 75, Freight, &c., of Furniture, &c.,		50	
		924.53	
Receipts exceeding Payments, .		1906.22	
			2830.75

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

E. S. Gandy, John Thomson and W. H. Adams.

Philad^a., July 27th, 1837.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report which was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted, and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Account of the Trustees of the City Dancing assembly handed by the Treasurer H. D. Gilpin, Esq$^{r.}$ respectfully Report, That after Considerable Enquiry as to the first Item in Said account, Viz:

Interest for the Season of 1834 and 1835 Under agreement with R. Kid, 4 per Cent on 5500 Dollars, . . $220.00

They are in Possession of a Note from M$^{rs.}$ Kid in reply to one addressed to her by the Grand Sect$^{y.}$ on the Subject, Stating that the said $220 was Paid by her late Husband on the 17th July, 1835, the Receipts for which she has in her Possession. The Two last Items of $330, each for Interest at the rate of 6 per Cent for the Years 1836 and 1837, are Correct according to the Arrangement made by the Committee on Purchase and Sale.

Respectfully Submitted.

E. S. Gandy, W. H. Adams and John Thomson.

Philad$^{a.}$ Sept$^{r.}$ 4$^{th.}$ 1837.

The following Report from the Hall Committee was Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Hall Committee Report that they have met Regularly every Week since their Report in March last, and attended to the necessary duties assigned them, they have nothing new to Communicate to the Grand Lodge the apartments Continue Occupied as before. They have Collected Fifty Dollars rent, and drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the Sum of One Hundred Dollars to defray the necessary Expenses accruing in the Quarter ending 30th June last as per Statement of Sam$^{l.}$ Ashmead, Treasurer of Hall Committee, all which is most respectfully submitted.

C. McCaraher and Sam$^{L.}$ Ashmead.

Philad$^{a.}$ July 6$^{th.}$ 1837.

The following Report was Received and Read and the Resolution thereunto attached was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Grand Secretary Reports, That on the 6th February last, the following Lodges not having (from Circumstances) Complied with the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge adopted 7th March, 1836, it was Resolved that they have further time allowed them as affixed to their respective Numbers, Viz:

N^o.	64,	Greensburg, Westmoreland	C^o.	to 1st	July.
"	136,	Abington, Montgomery	C^o.	" 6th	August.
"	141,	Halifax, Dauphin	C^o.	" 6th	August.
"	151,	Allentown, Lehigh	C^o.	" "	"
"	156,	Spring Grove, Lancaster	C^o.	" "	"
"	201,	Mauch Chunk, Northampton	C^o.	" "	"

On the 22nd and 23rd July last the Grand Secretary wrote to each of these Lodges and received replies from N°. 136, 141, 156 and 201; from the others no Replies have been received, he therefore offers for the Consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge the Adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Warrants of Lodges N°. 64 and 151 be and they are hereby vacated.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAM^L. M. STEWART,
G. S.

Philad^a., Septr. 4th, 1837.

Communications were Received from the following Grand Lodges which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence, Viz:

of Ireland	one.
of New York	two.
of Mississippi	one.
of Maryland	one.
of New Hampshire	one.
of Connecticut	one.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had addressed a Circular to the W. M. of each of the Lodges in the City and County of

Philad$^{a.}$ desiring them to State what was the Initiation Fee and Yearly Dues in their respective Lodges and whether Any and what alteration had been made in the same within the last Two Years, from each and all of whom he had received Replies.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Same be referred to a Committee Consisting of One Member from each Lodge in Conjunction with the Past Grand Masters and Present Grand Officers. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on the Said Committee the following, Viz: from Lodge

N$^{o.}$ 2, Sam$^{l.}$ Ashmead.	N$^{o.}$ 3, McCaraher.
N$^{o.}$ 9, W. B. Watson.	N$^{o.}$ 19, John Bradley.
N$^{o.}$ 51, P. R. Howard.	N$^{o.}$ 52, P. Dorff.
N$^{o.}$ 59, E. S. Gandy.	N$^{o.}$ 67, C. Stout.
N$^{o.}$ 71, J. A. Phillips.	N$^{o.}$ 72, W$^{m.}$ Barger.
N$^{o.}$ 91, W. Badger.	N$^{o.}$ 114, David Boyd.
N$^{o.}$ 115, A. Diamond.	N$^{o.}$ 121, Ge$^{o.}$ Fox.
N$^{o.}$ 125, J. Steiner.	N$^{o.}$ 130, S. Wonderly.
N$^{o.}$ 155, J. E. Bowen.	N$^{o.}$ 158, J. D. Moore.
N$^{o.}$ 186, J. K. Helmbold.	N$^{o.}$ 187, D. W. Engleman, Sen$^{r.}$
N$^{o.}$ 211, Alex. Quinton.	

N$^{o.}$ 81, Germantown, Dan$^{l.}$ Snyder. N$^{o.}$ 135, Roxboro', C. V. Hagner.
N$^{o.}$ 102, Frankford, Lonard Shallcrop.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws on Alterations required by Lodges N$^{o.}$ 72 and 186 were then taken up and that as regards N$^{o.}$ 72 was referred to above Committee on Initiation Fees and Dues and that of N$^{o.}$ 186 laid over for the present.

The Grand Secretary stated that in pursuance to Instructions given him at the last Gr$^{d.}$ Com$^{n.}$ he had addressed a Note to each of the Members Comprising the Committee on Correspondence requesting a Report from them, but as yet had received none.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, Dec$^{r.}$ 4$^{th.}$ A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$ Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	G. M.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	J. J. Kreider,	"	G. S. W., P. T.
"	E. S. Gandy,	"	G. J. W., P. T.
"	Rob$^{t.}$ R. Moore,	"	G. Treasurer.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,	"	G. Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	Dep$^{y.}$	G. Secretary.
"	Hossack,	Gr$^{d.}$	Sen$^{r.}$ Deacon, P. T.
"	W$^{m.}$ B. Watson,	"	Jun$^{r.}$ Deacon.
"	Zelotus Fuller,	"	Chaplain.
"	W$^{m.}$ Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	W. Hall,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	J. D. Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

P. G. M. Bro. M. Nisbet.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 135, 155, 158, 186, 187, 211, 62 and 217 represented.

Twenty Four Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at 20 Minutes before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Sept$^{r.}$ 4th were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of Officers, The Grand Lodge proceeded to Ballot for them, when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro.	John M. Read,	R. W.	Gr$^{d.}$ M.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ H. Perkins,	" "	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	" "	G. Sen$^{r.}$ W. in the Room of Bro. W$^{m.}$ Stephens who declined a Re-Election.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	R. W.	G. Jun$^{r.}$ W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	" "	G. Treasurer.
"	Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,	" "	G. Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Samuel Wonderly.
Thomas Kittera.
Thomas Biddle.
Mich^l. Nisbet and
Alex^r. Diamond.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to meet on the 3rd Monday of the Present Month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr^d. Secretary.

MONDAY, December 18th. A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	G. M.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Dep^y. G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	G. S. W., P. T.
"	Enos S. Gandy,	"	G. J. W., P. T.
"	R. R. Moore,	"	G. Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	G. Sect^y.
"	Chas. Stout, G. S. D., P. T.		
"	W^m. B. Watson, G. J. D.		
"	John Thomson, Dep^y. G. Secretary.		
"	Zelotus Fuller, G. Chaplain.		
"	W^m. Barger, G. Marshal.		
"	W. Hall, G. Sword Bearer.		
"	J. D. Moore, G. Pursuivant.		

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, and 211 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter before Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following was Received and read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee Consisting of One Member from each Lodge in Conjunction with the Past Grand Masters and Present Grand Officers, to whom was referred on the 4th Ult$^{o.}$ the Answers of the different Lodges to the Enquiries of the Grand Secretary relative to the Initiation Fees and Dues as directed to be made June 5$^{th.}$ Page 460 of Minute Book C, and also on the Report of the Committee on Bye Laws on the Alteration of the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 72, page 472.

Respectfully Report:

That there met on the 20th In$^{t.}$ Present, One Past Grand Master, Four Present Grand Officers and Sixteen representatives of Lodges, and after hearing the Replies of those Lodges who had deviated from their Bye Laws, Viz: N$^{o.}$ 72, 135, 158 and 211, by taking a less sum than Authorized for Initiation Fee, and Lodge N$^{o.}$ 3 for its Yearly Dues, and after Considerable Interchange of Sentiment upon the Subjects referred to them, Resolved, that the following Resolutions be offered to the R. W. Grand Lodge for its Consideration and Approval, Viz:

1$^{st.}$ Resolved, that it be recommended to all the Lodges in the City or within three Miles thereof to Initiate no Person for a less Sum than Twenty five Dollars, and to all within Ten Miles thereof, for a less Sum than Twenty Dollars.

2$^{nd.}$ Resolved, that this Committee approve of the Report of the Committee on By Laws in the Case of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 72 and recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the same.

3$^{d.}$ Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to Write to each Lodge in the City and County and Impress upon them the necessity of a strict Compliance with the Letter of their By Laws, and at the Same time inform them that the proper course to pursue, is to revise their By Laws, (if they require it), and Submit the Same for the approval of the Grand Lodge, but in no Instance to anticipate such approval.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sam$^{L.}$ H. Perkins.
Chas. Stout.
Jo$^{s.}$ K. Helmbold.
Sam$^{L.}$ M. Stewart, Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$
and Secretary of the Com.

Philadelphia, Oct$^{r.}$ 27, 1837.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report with the Resolutions thereto attached were adopted, and the Gr^d. Secretary Instructed to forward a Printed Copy to each and every Lodge in the City and County.

The following are the Alterations in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 72, referred to in the 2nd Resolution above, and which were Omitted being entered on the Minutes April 3^d. Viz:

Article 8th.

The Dues shall be Collected in Open Lodge and every Member shall Pay Fifty Cents on each Night of Stated Meeting; each Brother shall discharge his Dues at least once in Twelve Months, and whoever neglects so to do for the Space of One Month after, (he being duly notified of the same), shall be Expelled or otherwise dealt with as the Lodge may deem expedient and no Member who has neglected or Refused to Pay his Dues shall Vote at any Election for Officers of this Lodge.

Article 10th.

Every Person Initiated in this Lodge shall Pay Twenty Five Dollars, an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge, who receives in this Lodge the Degree of a Fellow Craft and Master Mason, shall Pay Thirteen, A Fellow Craft from another Lodge who receives in this Lodge the Degree of a Master Mason, shall Pay Eight Dollars, and a Master Mason in Good Standing may be admitted by paying Five Dollars. All of which Fees shall be Paid by the Applicant to the Treasurer, and in Case of Failure the Brothers recommending such Persons shall be Accountable for their Fees.

Article 12th.

Every Visiting Brother partaking of the Supper to Pay fifty Cents, &c., to be Entirely Erased.

Article 13th.

To be Substituted for Article 12th to Read thus, The Tyler who may be Employed shall be Expert in his Business, Sober

and Attentive and shall Receive for his Services Two Dollars each Night he attends.

The Alteration in the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 186 were then taken up, Viz:

That the Words Fifty Cents in the 2d and 3d Line of Bye Law, Article 3rd. be Stricken out, and Twenty five Cents be Inserted in the Place thereof.

And, that the Word Twenty be Stricken out of the last line of By Law, Article 9, and Twelve be inserted in the place thereof.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Resolution was divided, and on the Question being taken to reduce the Monthly Dues from Fifty to Twenty Five Cents it was decided in the Negative.

The remainder of the Resolution to reduce the Secretarys Salary from Twenty to Twelve Dollars was on Motion of Bro. Russell and Seconded, laid on the Table.

A Letter was Received and Read, Signed by Bro. S. H. Spier and Eight others Announcing themselves Members of Lodge N°. 187, Stating that at an Election for Officers of Said Lodge held on Thursday, the 14th Int. Several Members Voted who according to the By-Laws had no right so to do, and praying of the R. W. Grand Lodge to cause an Enquiry to be made into the Legality of Said Election. Whereupon, the R. W. Grd. Master was pleased to Appoint Bro. Wm. Barger,

J. K. Helmbold,
John Thomson,
Francis Cooper, and
Willm. Hall,

a Committee to make the necessary Enquiries and report thereon on St. Johns day next.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report on the Third Quarter of the present year which was Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of the Receipts and Payments for the Third Quarter Ending 30th Septr., 1837 as per Accounts and Vouchers Received from the Several Committees, Viz:

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,	288.	
Elsewhere,	157.	
		445.
Certificates,		16.
Dispensations,		40.
Ahiman Rezon,		4.50
		505.50

Payments.

Interest on Kids Bond,	29.33	
" on Randalls Certificate,	95.87	
" to Trustees G. B. do.,	118.92	
" to Stockholders,	1614.	
		1858.12
Grd. Secretary, Salary and Allowances,	200.	
" Tyler, do. and Tyling,	40.50	
Discount paid on Virginia Notes,	45	
Balance due Hall Committee,	7.99	
Hall Com. Expended this Quarter,	281.37	
	2388.43	
Payments exceeding Receipts,		1882.93
		2388.43

The following Balances remain in the hands of the following Officers and Committees.

Grand Treasurer,	420.22
Grand Secretary,	611.13
Hall Committee,	160.64
Purchase and Sale, Balance from 2d. Quarter,	137.70
	1329.69

The Chairman of the Committee on Purchase and Sale being absent there has not been any account rendered by him, therefore the Balance remains the same as reported last Quarter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Enos S. Gandy.
Wm. H. Adams.
John Thomson.

Novr. 29th, 1837.

The Chairman of the Hall Committee made a Verbal Statement that he had a Tenant for the front Room down Stairs provided that the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge would allow it to be leased for the Term of Five Years, the Consideration of which was postponed Until St. Johns Day next.

The following from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York was Received and Read, and Ordered to be copied on the Minutes.

Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Grand Secretarys Office, N. York Sept$^{r.}$ 18/37.

Brother,

You will please to take Notice and communicate to the Masonic Fraternity as extensively as possible, that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, have Expelled for unmasonic Conduct,

William F. Piatt, Past Master of Lafayette Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 373.
Henry C. Atwood, Master of York Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 367.
John Bennett, Master of Benevolent Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 142.
W$^{m.}$ Cuscaden, Past Master of the Same Lodge.
Orlando Warren, Master of Silentia Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 360.
Henry Weaver, Senior Warden of the Same Lodge.
Sam$^{l.}$ Jones, Senior Warden of Lafayette Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 373.

That the Warrant of York Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 367, has been declared to be forfeited, void, and of no further effect, and the Officers and Members Expelled for creating a confusion and disturbance in the Fraternity, Subversive of the principles of the Order, and injurious to its prosperity and Character by a Violation of Duty to the Grand Lodge.

I have further to give you notice that the aforesaid Expelled Masons have banded together, and being countenanced and aided by certain other Persons, have expressed their determination to form themselves and their associates into a Grand Lodge. From the Stations which Several of them have held, they have the Warrants of the Lodges Still in their Possession, which they refuse to Surrender. They retain their Stations and refuse to Submit to the Authority of the Grand Lodge, excluding by their Presence, the Members of said Lodges who

will not violate their Duty and their conscience by sitting with Expelled Masons, and others who will not countenance them in their wilful and unlawful Proceedings.

This, therefore is to warn all faithful Brethren, especially the past and present Grand Officers of other Grand Lodges and Sojourners from abroad who may Visit this City, that they may not be misled innocently to countenance Innovations in the Body of Masonry, to the removal of the Ancient Land Marks. I am fraternally and Respectfully,

Yours,

JAMES HERRING,
Gr^d. Secretary.

R. W. Saml. M. Stewart,
Gr^d. Sect^y. G^d. L. Penn^a.

The Gr^d. Secretary stated that Immediately on Rec^t. of the above Communication he had by Order of the R. W. Grand Master, forwarded a Printed Copy to every Lodge Under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Returns of the Election for Officers of Mauch Chunk Lodge, N°. 201, resumed Labors July 8th were Received and ordered to be filed.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

N°. 9, Philadelphia.
N°. 67, ditto.
N°. 153, Waynesburg.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were Received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, Viz:
Missouri,
Kentucky, and
New York.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ¼ past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Wednesday, Decr. 27th, A. D. 1837, A. L. 5837.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Grd. Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Depy. G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Senr. G. W., P. T.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grd. Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grd. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Depy. Grd. Secretary.		
"	Geo. S. Schott,	Grd.	Senr. Deacon.
"	Wm. B. Watson,	"	Junr. Deacon.
"	Zelotus Fuller,	"	Chaplain.
"	William Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	William Hall,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

P. Grand Master, Bro. T. B. Freeman.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 187 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past 10 o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 4th Int. as relates to the Election of Officers being Read and all the Officers being Present, they were Severally Installed into their respective Offices and being duly Proclaimed received the Accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro.	John M. Read,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Depy. Grd. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Grd. Senr. Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Grd. Junr. Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grd. Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grd. Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following Appointments, Viz:

Bro.	Geo. S. Schott,	Grd.	Senr. Deacon.
"	Wm. B. Watson,	"	Junr. Deacon.

Rev$^{d.}$ Bro. Ge$^{o.}$ C. Potts,		Grand Chaplains.
" " Rob$^{t.}$ Piggott,		
" " Zelotus Fuller,		
" " John Chambers,		
Bro. Lambert Keatting,	"	Stewards.
" Will$^{m.}$ Mayweg,		
" J. Dalzell Moore,	"	Marshal.
" Will$^{m.}$ Barger,	"	Sword Bearer.
" Will$^{m.}$ Hall,	"	Pursuivant.
" Cha$^{s.}$ Schnider,	"	Tyler.

Grand Committees.

Committee of Finance,

E. S. Gandy, J. W. Dickson, John Thomson, A. E. Dougherty and W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.

Committee of Charity,

Charles Stout, S. Webb, N$^{o.}$ 3, Jacob Alter in the Place of R. Desilver deceased, Francis Cooper, John Y. Black.

Committee of Correspondence,

A. M. Prevost, J. A. Phillips, and Charles Peaslee.

Committee to Examine the transactions of the past year and Select for Publication.

E. W. Keyser, Chas. V. Hagner and George Fox.

Committee on By Laws,

Sam$^{l.}$ Davis, Alva Mason and Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart.

Hall Committee,

Cha$^{s.}$ McCaraher, Sam$^{l.}$ Ashmead and John C. Smith.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Thomas Jeffries of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster C$^{o.}$ for the County of Lancaster.

" Rob$^{t.}$ W. Cummings of Pottsville, Schuylkill C$^{o.}$ for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. Daniel Herr of Reading, Berks Co. for the County of Berks.

" Robert Clark of Brownsville, Fayette Co., for the Counties of Fayette and Greene.

" James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton Co., for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna.

" John Birmingham of Pittsburg, Allegheny Co., for the County of Allegheny.

The Grand Secretary announced that he had Appointed Bro. John Thomson, Deputy Grand Secretary, which the R. W. Grand Lodge was pleased to Confirm.

The following Report was Read, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee to whom was referred on the 18th Int. a Petition of sundry Members of Lodge No. 187, Praying for an Enquiry into the Legality of the Election of Officers of said Lodge,

Respectfully Report,

That the Petitioners are desirous of withdrawing the said Petition and your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be permitted so to do.

Signed. Wm. Barger,
Josh. R. Helmbold,
Wm. Hall,
Francis Cooper,
John Thomson.

Decr. 27, 1837.

The Report was Accepted and the petition allowed to be withdrawn.

The Consideration of Renting the lower Rooms was postponed for the Present.

Grand Lodge closed at ¼ before Twelve o'clock in the Morning.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grd. Secretary.

MONDAY, February 5th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W. G. M.
"		R. W. Depy. G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W. G. S. W.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	R. W. G. J. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	R. W. G. Treasr.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	R. W. G. Secty.
"	John Thomson,	Depy. G. Secty.
"	Andw. M. Prevost,	G. S. Deacon, P. T.
"	William B. Watson,	G. J. Deacon.
"	Zelotus Fuller,	Grd. Chaplain.
"	Wm. Barger,	Grd. Marshal.
"	Jacob Steiner,	Grd. Sword Bearer, P. T.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	Grd. Pursuivant.

P. G. M. Bro. M. Nisbet, D. D. G. M. Bro. James Porter.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 211 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

General Returns from the following Lodges were Received, Read, and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

No. 91, Philada.
" 3, ditto.
" 19, ditto. J—— N—— withdrawn Under Censure.
" 43, Lancaster.
" 51, Philada.
" 52, ditto. B. F. D——, Suspended N. P. D.
" 62, Reading. A—— R——, Hatter, Rejected.
" 67, Philada.
" 69, Chester for 1829, 30, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
" 71, Philada. T—— B——, G—— M——, R—— P——, S. N. P. D.
" 72, ditto. J—— A——, A. S. V—— P—— and H—— N——, S. N. P. D.
" 81, Germantown. W—— C——, J. W. J——, J—— P——, J—— F——, J—— A——, S. N. P. D.

N°. 91, Philad^a.
" 114, ditto. W—— A—— and J—— B. S——, S. N. P. D.
" 115, ditto. J—— E——, M—— H——, J—— M——, J—— K——, J—— S——, S. N. P. D.
" 121, ditto.
" 125, ditto. E. L. R——, S. N. P. D.
" 130, ditto. W—— M^cG—— and F. P——, S. N. P. D.
" 136, Abingdon for 1835, 6 and 7.
" 138, Orwigsburg.
" 152, Easton. Election Returns.
" 155, Philad^a. W—— J. C——, J—— C——, J. W. J——, D—— S——, J—— W——, G. W. W——, H. L. C——, R—— C——, and E—— M. G. L——, S. N. P. D. G—— L——, Painter, Rejected.
" 158, ditto.
" 186, ditto. A—— H——, S. N. P. D.
" 187, ditto.
" 201, Mauch Chunk.
" 211, Kensington. S—— A——, W—— A——, W—— B——, J—— E——, J—— K——, W—— C. R——, D—— S——, S. N. P. D.

The following Circular was Received, Read and Ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes and a Copy forwarded, to each Lodge, Viz:

Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

I have been directed by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to inform the Lodges under its Jurisdiction, and all Grand Lodges, and to warn them against Imposition, that there is a clandestine Lodge established in this City called "St. Johns Grand Lodge" composed of Expelled Masons and their associates.

In addition to which the Fraternity are cautioned against holding any Intercourse with the following Clandestine Lodges.

Benevolent Lodge, N°. 142, the *Old* Warrant of which has been Annulled by the Grand Lodge it being retained and Used by an Expelled Mason.

Silentia Lodge, Warrant Annulled, but retained and Used by expelled Masons.

York Lodge the same.

Munn Lodge, reported to be held somewhere in the City of New York.

Fidelity Lodge, the same.

Mount Liban Lodge, at Port au Prince, Hayti.

The following are the only Legal Lodges in the City of New York:

St. Johns, N°. 1.
Independent Royal Arch, N°. 2.
Holland, N°. 13.
Trinity, N°. 39.
La Union Francaise, N°. 71.
Abrams, N°. 83.
Washington, N°. 84.
Adelphi, N°. 91.
Albion, N°. 107.
M^t. Moriah, N°. 132.
Benevolent, N°. 142, Under the *New* Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge Decr. 6th, 1837.
Mechanics, N°. 153.
Concord, N°. 304.
German Union, N°. 322.
Hibernia, N°. 339.
Manhattan, N°. 370.
La Fayette, N°. 373.
Mariners, N°. 385.
Montgomery, N°. 387.
Naval, N°. 391.
Ancient, N°. 507.

JAMES HERRING, G^d. Sect^y.

New York, Decr. 7th, 5837.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of
New York,
New Jersey, and
Georgia,
and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Committee on Bye Laws made a Report on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 121 referred to them June 5th last recommending the approval of the same and on Motion made and Seconded, the same were approved and are as follows:

Article 1st. Strike out all between the words *recess* in the 9th Line and *the* in the 10th Line. Strike out *Shall* and Insert *may* in the 10th Line, in the 11th line Strike out *June* and insert *May*, in the 12th Line Strike out *September* and Insert *October*.

Article 3d. Strike out all between *Lodge* in the 16th Line and *when* in the 18th Line.

Article 4th. Strike out the whole.
" 5th to be Article 4th.
" 6th. Strike out the whole.
" 7th to be Article 5th.
" 8th to be Article 6th.
" 9th to be Article 7th.
" 10th to be Article 8th and add the following: The Treasurer shall give Bond with Security in the Sum of One Thousand Dollars.
" 11th to be Article 9th.
" 12th to be Article 10th.
" 13th to be Article 11th.
" 14th to be Article 12th.
" 15th to be Article 13th and Strike out all between *for* at the Commencement of the 8th Line and *his* in 9th Line.
" 16th to be Article 14th and add the following as an additional *article* to be Article 15th. The Secretary shall be exempt from the Payment of Dues.

The Committee on Bye Laws to whom was referred June 5th last certain alterations in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 81, held in Germantown, Viz: "that the Initiation Fee be lowered to Fifteen Dollars and Monthly Dues to 25 Cents."

Reported, that in their Opinion it was Inexpedient to Approve of the Alterations asked for and on Motion made and Seconded, the Report of the Committee on By Laws was adopted.

The following Report of the Hall Committee was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Hall Committee Report,

that since their last Communication to the Grand Lodge they have had the Gas pipes and fixtures of the Hall examined and from their leaky Condition, found it necessary to have them repaired. One of the Chandaliers in the Refreshment Room was so defective that it could not be mended, and a four Light Pendant was Substituted, which has been found to answer the desired purpose better than the Old One, from its plain, Neat and economical construction and the Brilliant Light it emits. Your Committee regret to have to State to the Grand Lodge that in Consequence of the Dull State of the times, the Tenant that occupied the front Room down Stairs and the two Cellars under the Hall, has been Compelled to give them up and they have not since been rented. The Tenant could not pay his Rent at the time of leaving the Premises but has made such an Arrangement with the Committee that they believe it will be eventually Paid. The Back Room down stairs continues to be occupied by the Rev$^{d.}$ Fred$^{k.}$ Plummer and the Rent punctually Paid.

The Receipts and Disbursements up to the Present time are as per Account Enclosed all which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. CHAS. M^{c}CARAHER.
SAM$^{L.}$ ASHMEAD.

Philada$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 26^{th,} 1837.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report on the Fourth Quarter of the Year 1837 which was read and ordered to be filed, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance respectfully report having received the Accounts of the Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer, Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary and Hall Committee for the 4th Quarter, and Committee of Purchase and Sale for 3^{d} and 4th Quarters of 1837, which were examined and found to be Correct shewing Ballances due to the Grand Lodge as follows, Viz:

By Grand Treasurer, ...	11.72	
" Grand Secretary, ...	952.13	
" Com. on Purchase and Sale, . .	102.70	
		1066.55
Due to Hall Committee, ...		57
Leaving Cash Balance due the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge, .		$1065.98

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, . .	224.50	
Elsewhere, ...	67.50	
Certificates, ...	14.	
Dispensations, ...	20.	
Rent, ...	62.50	
		388.50
Payments exceeding Receipts, . . .		263.71
		$652.21

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...	9.	
d$^{o.}$ on J. C. Fishers Mortgage, .	200.	
Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary Salary, Allowances, .	200.	
" Tyler " d$^{o.}$, .	47.	
Expences on New Hall by Com. on P. and Sale, ...	35.	
Hall Committee, ...	161.21	
		652.21

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. E. S. Gandy,
John Thomson.
Wm. H. Adams.

Jan$^{y.}$ 30^{th,} 1838.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report on the Receipts and Payments of the Year 1837 which was Read and Ordered to be filed, Viz:

Receipts.

Balance in hands of the Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$ Jan$^{y.}$ 1/17,	205.77	
" " " of the Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$ "	527.15	
		732.92

Dues recd. from Lodges, City and County, .	1318.50	
" " " " Elsewhere, . .	415.	
		1733.50
Dispensations, ...		95.
Certificates, ...		42.
Ahiman Rezon, ...		7.50
Interest from Franklin Institute, ...		4822.50
Rent of Cellars, ...		112.50
		$7545.92

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...	2882.	
Grd. Secretary Salary and Allowances, .	800.	
" Tyler " and Tyling, . .	198.50	
Com. on Purchase and Sale, . . .	934.90	
Balance due them from last year, . .	2.40	
Hall Committee, ...	750.57	
Printing for use of Grd. Treasurer, . .	8.25	
		5576.62
General Expense Account, ...		30.75
Lodge No. 75 Freight on 2 Trunks, ...		50
Discount on Virginia Notes, ...		45
Interest on Mortgages and Certificates, . . .		871.62
Balance in hands of Grd. Treasurer, .	11.72	
" " " " Grd. Secretary, . .	952.13	
" " " " Comm. on P. and S., .	102.70	
	1066.55	
Deduct Balance due Hall Committee, .	57	
		1065.98
		$7545.92

The above Account shews the Receipts to be $333.06 more than the Payments during the past Year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. E. S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
Wm. H. Adams.

Jany. 30th, 1838.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Estimate of the Probable Receipts and Payments for the Year 1838, which with the Resolutions thereto attached were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted, Viz: To the R. W.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a. The Committee of Finance respectfully present an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Payments for the Year 1838, Viz:

Receipts.

Interest on Debt due by Franklin Institute,		
Instalment due 1st Jan^y., 1838, . .	25183.34	
" " " 1840, . .	25183.33	
" " " 1842, . .	25183.33	
Interest at 5 p^r. ct., . . .	75550.	3777.50
Balance remaining unpaid from last Statement $10.000 at 6 p^r. ct. Interest, . . .		600.
Dues from City and County Lodges from 1836, .		567.84
Dues and Rent for 1837, ...		1789.
Country Lodges good, due end 1836, . . .		209.75
" " " for 1837, . . .		379.
Rent of 4 Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge, . . .		110.
" of Lower Room, ...		125.
" of Cellar and front Room, ...		150.
Dispensations and Certificates, ...		100.
		7808.09

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, . . .		3535.00	
" on J. C. Fishers Mortgage, . .		400.	
" on Certificate to Girard Beq^t., .		237.84	
" on Mortgage to Dancing Assembly,		990.	
Grand Secretary Salary, .	500.00		
d^o. as Sect^y. J. M. Loans,	150.00		
d^o. allowance for Stationery, . .	150.00		
		800.	
Grand Tyler Salary, ...		175.	
Fuel, Taxes, Water Rent, Gas, &c., Hall Com., ...		750.	
			6887.84
Excess of Receipts over Payments, . .			$920.25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. E. S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
Wm. H. Adams.

January 30th, 1838.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance agreeably to the Estimate presented beg leave to offer the following resolutions for their adoption, Viz:

Resolved, that the Sum of Five Thousand One Hundred and Sixty two Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Interest on Loans and Mortgages to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by him under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars be and is hereby Appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Tylers Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by the Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary under the Usual restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Purchase of Fuel, Payment of Taxes, Water Rent, Gas and Incidental Expenses to be drawn for by the Chairman of the Hall Committee under the Usual restrictions.

The Committee of Finance Seeing there is but Ten Thousand Dollars Insurance upon the Hall do respectfully Suggest the Propriety of having a Further Insurance of Ten Thousand Dollars, so as to Cover all Probable Loss in Case of Fire, believing this to be for the best Interest of the Grand Lodge, we offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Purpose of obtaining a Perpetual Insurance of Ten Thousand Dollars on the Hall, to be drawn for by the Chairman of the Hall Committee under the Usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

E. S. Gandy.
John Thomson.
W. H. Adams.

Jan$^{y.}$ 30^{th,} 1838.

Returns of Dispensations Granted by R. W. D. D. G$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Thomas Jeffries of the County of Lancaster was Received, Also his Account of Travelling Expenses which on Motion made and Seconded, were Ordered to be passed to his Account.

Returns of Dispensations Granted by R. W. D. D. G$^{d.}$ M$^{r.}$ Daniel Herr of the County of Berks was Rec$^{d.}$ in which it appeared that he had Granted Twelve Dispensations to Pass the Chair Gratis, on the Occasion of Constituting a New Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Reading in Sept$^{r.}$ last, and on Motion made and Seconded, the Same was Approved.

The following Report from R. W. D. D. Gr$^{d.}$ Master Robert Clarke of the Counties of Fayette and Greene was Read and Ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes, Viz:

Brownsville, Fayette C$^{o.,}$ P$^{a.}$
January 10^{th,} 1838.

To John M. Read, Esq$^{r.,}$ R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Penn$^{a.}$ and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

R. W. Sir and Brother,

In obedience to the Duties Enjoined upon me as district D. G. M. of the District composed of Fayette and Greene Counties, I beg leave to make the following Report:

Masonry in this Quarter owing to a diversity of Causes, has for Several years been on the decline; that Virulent opposition which had its origin in Political purposes and which operated to the prejudices of the Institution throughout the State, was particularly favored in this District and the adjoining County of Washington, by the Publication and Circulation of Anti-masonic Newspapers, Abounding as they did however in Misstatements, Marked by those Traits which always Characterize Vulgar Scuffles for Power with all the Rancor of Party Malevolence, of Political Persecution, they were of course offensive to the upright and intelligent portion of the Community, and with such have proved destructive of the very Interests which they were intended to Subserve. The Masons bore all with Patience, and there are now Symptoms of a reaction in their favor.

There being only two Lodges in my district my duties are of no Great extent.

On the 20th Novr., 1837, I visited Waynesburg Lodge, No. 153, at a Stated Meeting, Raised two Members and gave some Instruction; this Lodge has been under considerable depression, and there seems at present a want of good Workmen, though this difficulty it is expected will soon be obviated; the Members are few but I believe very respectable. They are very zealous and their prospects of Improvement in Condition and of accession to their numbers is encouraging.

Brownsville Lodge, No. 60, of which I am a Member, having Built a New Hall which is still short of being finished has been and is still under some difficulties. Their Receipts for some time past have been small, so that there remains a Debt against them of about Three Hundred Dollars, Nevertheless the prospects seem to brighten, Some new Members have been made and the Spirit of Masonry seems to be reviving.

I have lately received the Warrant and Jewels of Lodge No. 180 formerly held in Jefferson, Greene Co. Bro. Israel L. Craft who was a very Worthy Member of said Lodge has Paid me four Dollars, his Dues when the Lodge Ceased to Meet, and is now restored to the privilege and Benefits of Masonry. This Sum with the Warrant and Jewels above mentioned it is my Intention to forward to the Grand Lodge in April next, should no good private Opportunity offer sooner. I have not succeeded in obtaining any other Warrants, &c., from any of the Suspended Lodges in my District.

I am very respectfully and fraternally,

R. W. Sir and Brother Yours &c.,

Robert Clarke, D. D. G. M.,
of Fayette and Greene Counties.

The following Letter was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, the request of the Signers Granted.

Gibson, Jany. 13th, 1838.

Dr. Sir and Brother,

Yours of Novr. 12th, Decr. 5th, 1836 and Feby. 6th, July 22 and Septr. 25th, 1837 came duly to hand by due course of Mail, Stating Certain things and making Enquiries relative to the

Concerns of Lodge N°. 119, of which we would most respectfully submit to you the following Communication.

Since Decr. 1835 we have neglected making Returns and Decr. 1836 we failed to hold an Election, not Members meeting together sufficient to do any Business. In February last our Senior Warden Died and the times grew more oppressive and we failed in getting sufficient Members together in Decr. 1837 to hold an Election, consequently we are now without Officers and many of the Members without Money. And we believe that we should be unable to do any Business if we had Officers duly chosen, Under the Present Crisis of the times. If under all these Circumstances you should believe it most expedient for this Lodge to revive, we will in December following hold an Election if possible, and from that Period we will promptly forward our Returns and Remit our Yearly Dues to the Grand Lodge, on Condition that all Arrearages down to December following should be exonerated. We have had to Combat with much opposition in this Vicinity on the Subject of Masonry. We have done no Business for some Years to increase the Funds of the Lodge and our Situation at this time is quite Unpleasant. If you should deem it proper to grant us this request we will Use our best efforts to advance the cause of Masonry and if not, we will Quietly Surrender up our Charter when legally required.

We would make this Apology for not replying to your Several Communications as they were Severally received. The W. M. and Secty. of this Lodge at present reside Several Miles apart and we have delayed writing to you Until this time, in hopes of getting a full Meeting of the Members together for their United opinions on your Several Letters, but as no Meeting has been held for a long time we concluded to address a few lines to you jointly, giving a full History of our Situation. We wish you would lay our Communication before the Grand Lodge and inform us of the Final Result.

Yours Respectfully and Fraternally,

JOSEPH WASHBURN and CHAS. CHANDLER
Late W. M. and Secretary.

Saml. M. Stewart,
Grd. Secretary.

The following Letter was Received and Read:

Carlisle, Feby. 1, 1838.

To Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr.,

Dr. Sir and Brother,

In answer to yours of the 29th Ulto. I have only to refer you to the Returns, &c., handed you by Bro. Sheafer. Our Lodge closed its labors at that time and no Business has been transacted since. You have a Schedule of the Debts due the Lodge and also an Inventory of Furniture, &c., with the Exception of the *Charter* which was *claimed* and *taken forcibly* by Willis Foulke on the Evening the Lodge closed. I presume it can be recovered by *an Order from the Grand Lodge.*

Respectfully and fraternally Yours,

S. Elliott.

Whereupon, the Grand Secretary was directed to Write to Bro. Willis Foulke and desire him to hand the Said Warrant over to Bros. Geo. W. Sheafer, John P. Lym and Saml. Elliott, the Trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge April 3d. 1837, to take charge of the Warrant, Jewels, Furniture, &c., of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197.

An Account was Recd. and Read from Mr. Saml. Hazlehurst as follows:

The R. W. Grd. Lodge of Penna.

To Saml. Hazlehurst Dr.

For a Gas Loan Certificate No. 1 Signed by Jas. McAlpin, Henry Harrison and Robert Toland in favor of Geo. Weaver, dated 26th August, 1822, bearing Interest at the rate of 6 pr. ct. per Annum, ...		100.00
Interest thereon from 26th Augt., 1822 to 17 Jany., 1838 is 15 years and 4 Months, . . .		92.00
1826, Feby. 27, By Cash on A/c, .	50.00	
" Interest from Feby. 27th, 1826, to Jany. 1, 1838, 11 years 10 Mos., . .	35.50	
		85.50
Errors Excepted.		$106.50

Philada., 15th Jany., 1838.

Signed. Saml. Hazlehurst.

The above account was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Bro^s. R. Toland, J. A. Phillips and Willm. Whitney.

An Enquiry having been made as to the right of John Nixon, (formerly a Member of Lodge N°. 19 who withdrew Under Censure), to Visit Lodges, the Subject was on Motion made and Seconded, deferred Until the next Quarterly Grand Communication and the Gr^d. Secretary directed to Examine the Minutes of the Gr^d. Lodge to ascertain its Action in a Similar Case which is Said to have Occurred Some Twenty five Years ago.

The following Resolution was offered and on Motion made and Seconded, (after Some discussion), adopted.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed consisting of One Member from each Lodge, to take into Consideration the Propriety of forming a Committee on Education and to Appropriate the lower Rooms of this Hall for that Purpose; the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Committee

Bro^s. W. Cummings, N°. 2; W. Hall, N°. 3; W. W. Watson, N°. 9; John Bradley, N°. 19; W. Whitney, N°. 51; John Thomas, N°. 52; Enos S. Gandy, N°. 59; John Jones, N°. 67; J. A. Phillips, N°. 71; W^m. Barger, N°. 72; Daniel Snyder, N°. 81; Thos. M. Femmington, N°. 91; Peter Carter, N°. 102; C. H. Housekeeper, N°. 114; Alexander Diamond, N°. 115; A. M. Prevost, N°. 121; Jacob Steiner, N°. 125; F. Cooper, N°. 130; C. V. Hagner, N°. 135; G. W. Chambers, N°. 155; A. Mason, N°. 158; John Lanu, N°. 186; D. W. Engleman, N°. 187; M. Cartwright, N°. 211.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 5th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Quarterly Grand Communication. Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	Gr^d. Master.
"		"	Dep^y. Gr^d. M^r.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Gr^d. S. W.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Gr^d. J. W.

Bro.	Francis Cooper,	R. W. Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.,}$ P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	Dep$^{y.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary.
"	Samuel Black,	Gr$^{d.}$ S. D., P. T.
"	Matthew Cartwright,	" J. D., P. T.
"	Zelotus Fuller,	" Chaplain.
"	W$^{m.}$ Whitney,	" Marshal, P. T.
"	Z. A. Davis,	" Sword Bearer, P. T.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 211 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were Admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Gr$^{d.}$ Com$^{n.}$ 4th Dec$^{r.,}$
of the Adj$^{d.}$ " " " 18th "
of the Annual " " 27th "
and of the Extra " " 5th Feb$^{y.,}$
were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were each Severally Adopted.

The following were Received and Read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Correspondence appointed on the 27th Dec$^{r.,}$ 1837, respectfully Report,

That they have Carefully examined the communications of the following Grand Lodges, rec$^{d.}$ since the last Report which was dated as far back as the 5th March, 1832, to Wit:

1834, South Carolina, Vermont and Virginia.
1835, Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana, Virginia and Georgia.
1836, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi.
1837, Massachusetts, New York, Mississippi, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Ireland, New Jersey, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri.

These Communications generally contain the proceedings of the Several Grand Lodges, the details of their financial Situation, Lists and in some Instances the Signatures of the Officers

Yearly Elected; Suspensions, Expulsions and reinstatements, funeral Orations delivered on the Decease of Grand Officers, and Salutary admonitions to Subordinate Lodges. These evince the most praiseworthy efforts to inculcate those principles of Harmony and Brotherly Love which ought ever to characterize our order in its Internal organization, and of Justice and uprightness towards ourselves and the rest of Mankind, by which alone its merits may be duly appreciated.

The Committee however notice with great regret the nature of the late communications made to us by our Sister Grand Lodge of the State of New York. They Convey the Painful intelligence that distressing difficulties have disturbed the Harmony of the Fraternity and have terminated in the expulsion of Several Members and the Annulling of the Warrants of Several Subordinate Lodges.

The facts Connected with these transactions appear to your Committee few and simple. York Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 367, resolved to have a Masonic Procession on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist the 24th June of last year. As this was contrary to the Customs of the Grand Lodge and as a due regard for the General Welfare of the Craft did not appear to Justify a departure from the Rule. The Deputy Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Master, in the undoubted exercise of his Authority and discharge of his Duty, issued a Proclamation forbidding such Procession. Still further to insure compliance with his prohibition, he repaired in Person to the Place of Meeting on the Morning of the 24th June and requested the Procession should not be formed. We are sorry to add, that the Deputy Grand Master was treated in a disrespectful and Unmasonic manner, and that the procession took place.

In consequence of these proceedings, the Grand Lodge at their Meeting of the 12th July, 1837, expelled several of the Brethren of York Lodge, who had been most active in forming the Procession, and of some other Lodges who had United with them on that occasion. The Right hand of Fellowship was however liberally extended to such Members as disavowed their participation in the offenses or expressed their regret at having been concerned in it.

The Expelled Brethren then Undertook to form what they are pleased to term a Grand Lodge, contrary to all the Ancient

Rules and Landmarks of Masonry. The Grand Lodge of the State of New York has declared this a Clandestine Lodge, and Cancelled the Warrants of three Subordinate Lodges, which have thought proper to join it, cautioning the Fraternity also against three more Working, or reported to Work under annulled Warrants. Your Committee are of Opinion that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York should be sustained in those Proceedings, and that a Communication to that effect should be made by this R. W. Grand Lodge and that all Intercourse with the expelled Masons or their Clandestine Lodges should be studiously guarded against.

Your Committee find nothing else in the Correspondence submitted to them which appears to require any action on the part of the Grand Lodge. They notice however, with Great Satisfaction the Measures taken by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to lay the foundation of an Extensive School. Committees were appointed to Collect all possible information on the Subject and to obtain from the Legislature an Act of Incorporation. A provisional appointment was made of Thirteen Trustees, at the Head of which, Stood our lamented Deceased Brother John Marshall. So far had they progressed in 1834. Although Subsequent communications be silent on the subject, we hope we may soon have to congratulate our Brethren of Virginia on having Carried their Plans into full effect.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

AND^W. M. PREVOST,
J. A. PHILLIPS,
CHARLES PEASLEE,
} Committee of Correspondence.

March 2^d, 1838.

On Motion made and Seconded, the above Report was adopted and ordered to be Entered on the Minutes and so much of it as relates to the Grand Lodge of New York be forwarded to it.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, Respectfully Report,

That owing to the Death of their Lamented Brother Robert Desilver who acted as Treasurer of Said Fund, they are Un-

able at present to give a detailed Statement of it, having but recently received from his Executor the Papers, Books, Certificates, &c., appertaining to the Same. The Fund has however, Increased from the time of the last Report Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1836 about One Hundred Dollars by Accumulation of Interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cha$^{s.}$ Stout.
Francis Cooper.
Jacob Alton.

Philad$^{a.,}$ March 5^{th,} 1838.

A Communication was Received and Read from Hermans Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 125, relative to the Admission of Visiting Brethren from Germany, which was Referred to the Grand Officers.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was Received and Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following was Received and Read:

Halifax, January 25^{th,} 1838.

To Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart, Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$

Esteemed Brother,

Enclosed you will find the returns for the year ending Dec$^{r.}$ 21^{st,} 1833; for the Subsequent Years I am at a loss to furnish any Returns. The W. M. of our Lodge requested me to inform you that owing to the great excitement which was then at its height, the Members of our Lodge living mostly at a Great distance, Some withdrawing and others being Called off by the Cold hand of Death, (Among whom were Several of our most worthy Brethren), all these circumstances made it impossible for the Lodge to do regular Business; our Stated Meetings were Still regularly attended to by a few of the nearest members until the 13th Sept$^{r.,}$ 1834, when the Lodge ceased to meet, finding it impossible to gather any Members to Open a Lodge. But Prior to the last Stated Meeting, all non attending Members were Summoned to attend, but this had not the desired effect. Our Lodge was therefore obliged to Suspend Six Members at one time, making our numbers small, including those that have withdrawn and those that have Died.

The Lodge is still anxious to gather its few Members and to reorganize. On the 20th the lodge had a Special meeting but for want of members there was no Lodge opened. On the next Stated night February 3rd the Lodge has requested all the members to attend, and we expect that after this we shall again be enabled to do Business in our Lodge. But it is the wish of the Lodge to know whether the Grand Lodge will make or allow any exonerations to our Lodge for the Dues in arrearages. Our Lodge is anxious to Pay as far as it can, but owing to the Irregular attendance of some of the Members and non Payment of their Dues Our Treasury is in a bad Pecuniary Condition. Please inform the W. Master of this Lodge, what measures the Grand Lodge will take on behalf of this Lodge; the Earliest Information will be thankfully appreciated.

Respectfully your humble Brother,

DANL. A. MUENCH,
Secty. of H. T. Lodge No. 141.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodge No. 141, held at Halifax be Exonerated from Dues to the Grand Lodge up to Decr. 27th of the present year.

The following was Received, Read and Ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes, Viz:

Lancaster, Decr. 27th, 1837.

To John M. Read, Esqr. R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Penna. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

R. W. Sir and Brother,

In fulfilling my Duties as D. D. Grd. Master of the City and County of Lancaster, I beg leave to Report as follows:

1st. The Report that accompanies this Embraces the only Dispensation Granted by me during the last Year.

2d. Lodge No. 43, held in the City is increasing in Numbers as you perceive by the Returns of this Lodge and I am heartily pleased to see, since the Visit paid to us by Bros. Stewart and Barger improved in their Work.

3d. No. 146, held at Chestnut Level, I have every reason to believe at this time will surmount all their difficulties. I

Paid this Lodge a Visit on the 22nd of July and Installed the Senior Warden, the other officers having been Installed at a previous meeting.

4th. My Hopes are not so flattering as to the following Lodges in my District, namely No. 104, 46, 116 and 169. I have only been able to procure from No. 116 the Charter and a few Books and Papers of no Value, from No. 46, held at Lititz, the Secretarys Book containing the Minutes of said Lodge. It is almost impossible to Collect all those Articles as the Members of all these Lodges are so much Scattered in the County. I therefore Pray for further Indulgence.

THOMAS JEFFERIES,
D. D. Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary Stated that he had looked over the Minutes of the Grand Lodge from Twenty Five to Thirty Years back, but had not been able to find any Case Similar to that of Bro. Nixon as referred to at the last Extra Grd. Communication, Page 505.

Whereupon, the matter was referred to a Committee Consisting of P. Grand Masters Bro. Randall and Kittera and Bros. Riley, Stout and Prevost.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

No. 22, Sunbury.
No. 102, Frankford.
No. 135, Manyunk. James Magee.
No. 141, Halifax, for the Year 1833.
No. 152, Easton. 14 Members Suspended for non Payment of Dues. See Register.
No. 153, Waynesburg. W—— S. H——, J—— B. G——, J—— K——, J—— H——, A—— McC——, S. N. P. D.
No. 190, Norristown.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded, the following Resolutions were Adopted:

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized and directed to have annually a detailed account of

the Receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge published in Pamphlet Form and a Copy delivered to each member thereof.

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be requested to furnish Annually to the Committee of Finance, a detailed Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures or Disbursements of the Said Bequest, in Order to have it published with a similar Statement of the Grand Lodge as above directed.

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Bro. Francis Cooper which being read was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted, Viz:

Whereas, the practice which until within a few Years was considered indispensable of Notifying the Meetings of the Grand Lodge in the Public Papers of the City, and

Whereas, It does not appear that any Good reason does exist why the practice should be dispensed with, and why it should not be renewed, Therefore Resolved,

That the Grand Secretary be Authorized to give Notice in at least Four Daily Papers of the City of all Annual, Quarterly, Adjourned and Extra Communications of the Grand Lodge and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the Expense of the Same.

The R. W. Grand Master gave an Interesting and Instructive Lecture on the Opening and Closing when the Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 Minutes before 10 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, MARCH 19th. A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to Notice given by Order of the R. W. Grand Master, the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master Opened a Lodge of Instruction and delivered a Lecture upon the Opening and Closing and also on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night 2 Weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Sectry.

MONDAY, April 2d., A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to adjournment the Lodge of Instruction was Opened by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, who announced from the Chair that in consequence of the Indisposition of the R. W. Grand Master it could not proceed this Evening, but would adjourn until the 3d Monday of the present month; the Lodge accordingly so adjourned.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, April 16th, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to Adjournment from the 2d Int. the Members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Lecture on the Fellow Crafts Degree.

The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this Night two Weeks.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, April 30th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 16th Int. the Lodge of Instruction was Opened by the R. W. Senior Grand Warden who announced from the Chair that the R. W. Grand Master could not attend on this Evening, but desired that the Lodge should adjourn Until the 1st Monday in May. The Lodge of Instruction was accordingly so adjourned.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secty.

Lodge of Instruction.

MONDAY, May 7th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 30th Ulto. the Lodge of Instruction was opened in the Master Masons Degree by the R. W. Grand Master at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

Bro. Wm. B. Schnider a Fellow Craft and Member of Lodge No. 71 was Introduced and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. After some Instruction from the R. W. Grand Master on the Opening and Closing, the Lodge of Instruction adjourned at 10 o'clock in the Evening to Meet on Wednesday the 23d Int.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Lodge of Instruction.

WEDNESDAY, May 23d, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Pursuant to adjournment from the 7th Int. the Members of the Grand Lodge met when the R. W. Grand Master Opened a Lodge of Instruction in the M. M. Degree at half Past 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The R. W. Grand Master Stated that this being the last Night of the Lodge of Instruction for the Season he had intended Lecturing on the 1st, 2nd and 3d Degrees and that he was now enabled practically to do so, as a gentleman highly recommended to him (Signor Fiorelli) was desirous of being Initiated, and by Virtue of the Powers and Authority Vested in him as R. W. Grand Master he would proceed to Enter, Pass and Raise Mr. Fiorelli.

Master Masons Lodge Closed.

Entered Apprentice Lodge Opened.

Mr. Fiorelli being in waiting was Introduced and Initiated into the First Degree of Masonry.

Entered Apprentice Lodge Closed.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Opened.

Bro. Fiorelli was Introduced and Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

Fellow Crafts Lodge Closed.

Master Masons Lodge Opened.

Bro. Fiorelli was Introduced and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The Lodge of Instruction Closed at Ten o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grd. Secretary.

Proceedings of the R. W. Gr^d. Master at Lancaster, Saturday, June 2^d. A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

The R. W. Grand Master accompanied by the Grand Secretary proceeded to the City of Lancaster and made a Visitation to Lodge N°. 43 at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the Grand Secretary made a Report on the Proceedings of the said Lodge from an Examination of the Book of Minutes from Dec^r., 1835 to May 14th. 1838 Inclusive, on which the R. W. Gr^d. Master made Such explanations and gave such advice as the Nature of the Report Required.

Adjourned at Six o'clock and met again at half Past Seven when the R. W. Grand Master delivered a Lecture on the Opening and Closing and upon the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The R. W. Grand Master by Virtue of the Power and Authority in him Vested, then Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason Bro. and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason Bro.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 4th. A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Quarterly Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro.	SAM^L. H. PERKINS,	R. W. Grand Master, P. T.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	" Dep^y. G. M., P. T.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	" Gr^d. Senr. W., P. T.
"	Charles Stout,	" Gr^d. Junr. W., P. T.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	" Gr^d. Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" Gr^d. Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	Deputy Gr^d. Sect^y.
"	R. Hutchinson,	Gr^d. Senr. Deacon, P. T.
"	W. B. Watson,	" Junr. Deacon.
"	Zelotus Fuller,	" Chaplain.
"	W^m. Barger,	" Marshal.
"	W^m. Whitney,	" Sword Bearer.
"	J. D. Moore,	" Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187, 211 and 217 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Due Form at a Quarter before 8 o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Gr$^{d.}$ Quarterly Communication of the 5th March.

Of the Several Lodges of Instruction held in the Months of March, April and May, and of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Master on a Visitation to Lodge N$^{o.}$ 43, Lancaster, on the 2^{d} June, were Read and on Motion Made and Seconded were each severally adopted.

A Letter was Received and read from Bro. Joseph Washburn, late W. M. of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 119, dated Gibson, May 6th asking leave to hold an Election and reorganize. The Grand Secretary Stated that by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, he replied on the 14th May and forwarded a Dispensation for the Purpose asked for which was on Motion and Seconded, Approved.

A Communication was Received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 138, at Orwigsburg, appointing Bro. Francis Cooper, a Past Master and Member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 130 their Proxy, which was on Motion made and Seconded, Approved, and Brother Francis Cooper acknowledged the Proxy of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 138.

A Letter was Received and Read from Brother Farrell Accompanied by the Warrant and Jewels of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 176, held at Mount Pleasant, which were Accepted.

The following account from Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ Wonderly, Chairman and Treasurer of the Girard Bequest, was Read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

S. Wonderly, Chairman and Treasurer,

To Girard Bequest, D$^{r.}$

1837.				
May 26	Dividend on 102 Shares F. and M. Bank,		204.	
	D$^{o.}$ 3 " Kensington "		7.50	
	In$^{t.}$ on 211.50 to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837 is 7 Mo.			
	1 d$^{y.}$		7.44	
				218.94

Sep$^{r.}$ 26	Cash Rec$^{d.}$ of Grand Lodge.		
	6 Mo$^{s.}$ In$^{t.}$ on $3964\frac{16}{100}$ due 1st Jan$^{y.}$, 1837,	118.92	
	6 " " on 6000 Masonic Loan 5 p$^{r.}$ ct.,	150.	
	6 " " on 3300 " " 6 "	99.	
	6 " " on 3600 " " 6 "	108.	
	In$^{t.}$ on $475.92 to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837 is 3 Mo$^{s.}$, ...	7.14	
			483.06
Novr 15	Dividend on 102 Shares F. and M. Bank,	204.	
	D$^{o.}$ " 3 " Kensington "	4.50	
	Interest to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837 is 1 Mo. 12 d$^{s.}$,	1.46	
			209.96
			911.96

Contra C$^{r.}$

1837.			
May 26	By Cash p$^{d.}$ S. M. Stewart for Books, .	16.50	
	Interest to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837, 7 Mos. 1 d$^{y.}$, .	58	
1836.			
Dec$^{r.}$ 3	By Balance due p$^{r.}$ A/c rend$^{d.}$, . .	8.32	
	Interest to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837 is 1 year 24 days, ...	53	
			25.93
	Due 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837 . . .		$886.03

Statement of Fund of Girard Bequest.

Certificate of Grand Lodge dated Jan$^{y.}$ 2$^{d.}$, 1837, with Interest from 1st Jan$^{y.}$, 1837, 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., . . .	3964.16
Masonic Loan 33 Shares due 1st Jan$^{y.}$, 1835, 5$^{s.}$ . .	3300.
d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ 36 " " d$^{o.}$ 1840, 6$^{s.}$ . .	3600.
d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ 60 " " d$^{o.}$ 1845, 5$^{s.}$ . .	6000.
Farmers and Mechanics Bank 102 Shares Cost, . .	6932.69
Kensington Bank, 3 " " . .	204.
Balance in Treasury, ...	886.03
Whole Amount of Fund, . .	$24886.88

E. E. Philad$^{a.}$, Dec$^{r.}$ 27$^{th.}$, 1837.

SAM$^{L.}$ WONDERLY,
Ch$^{n.}$ and Treas$^{r.}$

Alterations and additions in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 3, 51 and 138 were read and Referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A Communication was Received and Read from Bro. Robert Clarke, R. W. D. D. Gr^d. Master dated May 4th, 1838, accompanied by the Warrant and Jewels of Lodge N°. 180, Jefferson, Greene C°., which were accepted.

A Communication was Received and Read dated May 4th as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Secretary:

I am directed to notify you that J—— H—— who was admitted as a Member of Kensington Lodge, N°. 211, on the 2^d day of June, 1837, was this Night Expelled from the Lodge for Gross Unmasonic Conduct.

Signed. W^M. A. Lee, Sect^y.

On Motion made and Seconded, it was ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes.

Communications were Received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Virginia, (two) and Alabama, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

General Returns were Received and Read from

Lodge N°. 45, Pittsburg.
" 60, Brownsville.
" 113, Pittsburg.
" 156, Chestnut Level.
" 208, Bloomfield.
" 216, Pottsville.

which were ordered to be filed.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at a Quarter before Nine o'clock in the Evening to Meet on the Third Monday of the present Month.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, Monday, June 18th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro.	John M. Read,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Dep^y. Gr^d. Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Gr^d. Senr. Warden.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	" Junr. Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	" Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	" Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Dep^y. Gr^d. Secretary.		
"	Willm. Whitney, Gr^d. Senr. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Zadok A. Davis,	"	Junr. Deacon, P. T.
"	Zilotus Fuller,	"	Chaplain.
"	William Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	J. Steiner,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187 211, 138, 216 and 217 represented.

Twenty Two Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Eight o'clock in the Evening.

The following Reports from the Committee on By Laws were read and each separately adopted, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on Bye Laws have examined the New Code of By Laws of Lodge N°. 3 and Approve of the same after altering the last Word in Article 7th so as to read *Initiated* instead of *Admitted* and so altered they recommend their adoption.

Sam^L. Davis,
Sam^L. M. Stewart, } Com.

June 18th, 1838.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on By Laws have examined and approve of the alterations in the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 51 and 138 and recommend their Adoption.

Sam^L. Davis,
Sam^L. M. Stewart, } Com^ee.

June 18th, 1838.

The following was Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Correspondence to whom the Letters and Communications received since their last Report have been referred, respectfully Report, that they have examined the following:

1$^{st.}$ From the Grand Lodge of Maryland which contains in addition to the Usual details of its Proceedings and financial Situation, a resolution adopted on the 14th Nov$^{r.}$ last directing the Grand Stewards Lodge to prepare a Plan for the establishment of a Farm School calculated for 40 Boys, with Estimates of the amount necessary to carry the same into effect and to take into Consideration the practicability of increasing the Revenue of the Grand Lodge from various Sources, the whole to be Reported to the Grand Lodge as early as practicable.

2$^{nd.}$ From the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Conveying to the Fraternity the melancholy tidings of the decease of the R. W. Grand Master William H. Fitzwhylsonn and the Election of L. L. Stevenson as his Successor. From an address delivered by the R. W. Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Master your Committee perceive with Pleasure, that the Plan originally devised in that State for a School continues to Occupy seriously the Attention of the Grand Lodge.

3$^{d.}$ From the Grand Lodge of Ireland, exhibiting its income and Expenditures, with an abstract from its Rules. Among the list of Suspensions, Exclusions and Restorations of Members of the Order two Names only are registered as exclusions, those of J—— W—— and D—— O'C——, lastly, from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which does not appear to your Committee to require any particular Consideration beyond the expression of Fraternal Feelings, which should Unite all the Members of the Great Masonic Family.

A. M. Prevost,
J. A. Phillips,
Cha$^{s.}$ S. Peaslee, } Com.

Philad$^{a.,}$ 18th June, 1838.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, the Resolution appended thereto was adopted.

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of M$^{r.}$ Samuel Hazlehurst requesting Payment of the Amount due to him on his Certificate of Gas Stock, Respectfully Report,

That they proceeded to the duties assigned them and having made a full Investigation as to the Matters connected generally with the Old Gas Works beg leave to submit the result of their Labors.

In the Winter of 1821, 2, the Gas Manufactory of the Hall of the Grand Lodge in Chestnut Street had become disordered and deranged and rendered the Hall so uncomfortable as to produce a general disposition to abandon the Works at this period some of the most Zealous of the Craft, (among whom our lamented Bro. Dahlgreen was Conspicuous), thinking it would be bad Policy at that time to abandon the Works which by proper management might be rendered both ornamental and Useful, Suggested a plan of raising the sum of $2000 by Loan on a 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., Stock to be Created, for the Security of which the Gas Works were pledged the Holders agreeing not to hold the Grand Lodge otherwise responsible. This Amount was raised Exclusively among Brethren of the Order and Certificate issued to the Holders Signed by the Trustees, dated and bearing Interest from Oct$^{r.}$ 1, 1822. The Works were Repaired and became not only useful and ornamental but profitable, so much so that on the 15th March, 1825, The Trustees were enabled to Pay off $400 or 20 per Cent. of the principal and on the 2^{d} Jan$^{y.}$ 1826, $600 more or 30 pr. Cent., thus leaving due of the Principal, $1000 or 50 p$^{r.}$ Ct. and arrears of Interest which sum remains due and unpaid at this time. Owing to the Extensive repairs of the Hall in the Years 1832, 3, the Funds of the Grand Lodge became embarrassed and the accounts having before that time become somewhat deranged, the Books do, not certainly shew what amounts were rec$^{d.}$ from the Gas Works, it is well known however, that large amounts were realized therefrom Sufficient in fact, (but for the embarrassed Finances of the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge), to have discharged the Balance of the Loan with Interest.

When the Hall was Sold the Sale embraced also the Gas Works and the Holders of the Stock being by this Act deprived of their only Security, it becomes the duty of the Grand Lodge

on every principle of fairness and Justice to assume the Payment of the Stock and Settle with the Holders. The Stock as appears by the Books is held as follows, Viz:

By Individuals Members of the Craft and others by Transfer,	915.
By the Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge,	865.
By H. R. A. Chapter, N°. 3, (presented to them by Gaven Hamiltons Executors),	20.
By Lodge N°. 2,	20.
By Lodge N°. 51,	100.
By Lodge N°. 52,	30.
By Lodge N°. 91,	20.
By Lodge N°. 114,	30.
	$2000.

of which $1000 has been paid as before stated leaving due of Principal and Interest to this time about $2400, they therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to adjust the Amounts due on the Gas Stock to the respective Holders, with Interest to the 1st day of July, 1838, and to Issue new Certificates of Loan of that date in the Usual Form bearing Interest at the rate of 6 pr. Centum and not redeemable without the Consent of the holder before the 1st day of July, 1840.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

ROBERT TOLAND, J. A. PHILLIPS, WM. WHITNEY, } Com.

Philada., June 18th, 1838.

The following Report was Received, Read and ordered to be Inserted on the Minutes and the Resolution Attached thereto was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report the Titles and Balances of accounts from the Ledger of the Grand Lodge on the 27th December last, with such other Information as he thinks may be accepted.

Debits.

Due from 20 Lodges in the City of Philad^a., . .		2179.36
" " 4 d^o. in the County " . .		147.
" " 16 d^o. out of the City and C^o. of which 5 are estimated for want of Returns, . . .		455.75
Due from 4 Lodges out of the City and County who have Ceased labors and intend Surrendering their Warrants,		87.
Due from 2 Lodges and since been remitted by Grand Lodge, ...		196.65
Lodge N°. 217, Montevideo, which has further time granted Feby. 6th, 1837, ...		28.92
Due from Grand and Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges for Rent, ...		223.02
William R. Smith, late D. D. Gr^d. Master, a doubtful Debt,		90.
David Nathans, late Gr^d. Lecturer, . .	447.00	
Anth^y. Bonnaffon, late Tenant of Hall, Chest^t. St.,	628.25	
Two accounts to which there are offsets which cannot be exactly ascertained, ...		1075.25
Rev^d. Fred^k. Plummer, 31.25, James Mackie, 228.25, Tenants of the lower Rooms Washington Hall, .		259.50
Robinson R. Moore, Gr^d. Treasurer, .	11.72	
Samuel M. Stewart, Gr^d. Secretary, .	952.13	
Committee on Purchase and Sale, . .	102.70	
Trustees Real Estate, ...	750.	
Due by Disbursing and Receiving Officers and Committees, ...		1816.55
Sinking Fund Consisting of 49 Shares Masonic 6 p^r. ct. Loan, ...	4900.	
Cash in hands of the Treasurer, . .	40.65	
		4940.65

Charity Committee of Gr^d. Lodge.

7 Shares 6 p^r. ct. Masonic Loan, . .	700.
2 d^o. 5 p^r. ct. ditto, . .	200.
2 d^o. 5 p^r. ct. Penn^a. Stated . .	600.
8 d^o. Southern Savings Institution, .	200.
4 Certificates Gas Loan, . . .	432.50
Victor Pepins Note, ...	100.
Cash in Treasurers Hands, . . .	23.61
	2256.11

Investments Girard Charity Fund.

36 Shares 6 pr. ct. Masonic Loan, .	3600.	
33 do. 5 pr. ct. ditto, .	3300.	
1 Certificate of Debt payable 1845, 5 pr. ct.,	6000.	
1 ditto ditto on Demand 6 pr. ct.,	3964.16	
102 Shares F. and M. Bank Stock, . .	5100.	
3 do. Kensington do. do., . .	150.	
		22114.16
Trustees of Girard Bequest bale. in their hands, .		886.03
Gas Manufactory, Balance of this A/c., . . .		3503.37
Franklin Institute, ...		85550.
Property in South Third Street, . .	25000.	
Altering and Repairing, . . .	8694.07	
		33694.07
Ahiman Rezon, Balance of this A/c., . . .		933.90
Perpetual Insurance		
$10,000 at the Fire and Inland Navigation Inse. Co.,		250.
		$160687.29

Credits.

Fourth Masonic Loan redeemable in 1840 at 6 pr. ct., ...	20000.	
Masonic Debt 6 pr. ct., 1840, . . .	14500.	
Masonic Loan 5 pr. ct. 1835 now 6 pr. ct.,	19000.	
Masonic Debt 5 pr. ct. 1835, . . .	500.	
1 Certificate of Debt payable 1845, 5 pr. ct.,	6000.	
1 ditto ditto on Demand 6 pr. ct.,	3964.16	
Mortgage to Jas. C. Fisher on Washington Hall, ...	6666.66	
ditto to City Dancing Assembly, .	5500.	
Total of Loans on Mortgage and Debts bearing Interest,		76130.82
Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, . . .		2256.11
Stephen Girard Charity Fund, ...		23000.19
Stockholders of the Loans, ...		1706.50
City Dancing Assembly for Interest, . . .		660.
Hall Committee, ...		.57
Thos. Jeffries, D. D. G. Master, ...		8.
Grand Lodge of Penna. being the Balance of all other Accounts in favor of the Grd. Lodge, . . .		56925.10
		$160687.29

There has been carried to the *Debit* of Profit and Loss Acc$^{t.}$ during the Year 1837 Balance of a/c of various Lodges whose warrants were Vacated 6th February, ...	4667.21
Since Vacated N$^{o.}$ 131, Philad$^{a.}$ and 64, Greensburg,	965.17
To close long Standing accounts of D. D. Gr$^{d.}$ Masters who has offsets which could not be correctly ascertained, ...	56.69
General Expense a/c being 362.47 less than 1835 and $2080.55 less than 1836, ...	1801.52
Interest a/c being $3250.64 less than 1836, . .	368.37
And to close Various accounts of Lodges originating in Errors in Returns, ...	159.
	8017.96

And to the *Credit* of Profit and Loss Account.

Payments made by Members of the late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 46, Lititz, ...	9.
District Deputy Gr$^{d.}$ Masters long Standing Acc$^{ts.}$, .	30.50
For Certificates $10 more than 1836, . .	42.
" Dispensations $40 " " " . .	100.
" Rents $403.45 " " " . .	1093.79
Dues and Initiation Fees $263 " " . .	1841.
Masonic Hall in Chestnut St. being the Balance of that a/c nominal Profit on the Sale, . . .	58713.54
	$61829.83

Twenty five Lodges in the City and County had in 1836 Initiated 60, Admitted 41, Ceased 92, Total Members 724.

Twenty Four Lodges in the City and County had in 1837 Initiated 71, Admitted 30, Ceased 102, Total Members 705.

Shewing an Increase of Initiations 11 and withdrawals 10 and a decrease in admissions 11 and Total Members 19.

Sixteen Lodges beyond the County of Philad$^{a.}$ heard from since the last Report had in 1836, Initiated 47, Admitted 33, Ceased 45, Total Members 362.

Fifteen Lodges of the same had in 1837 Initiated 58, Admitted 31, Ceased 67, Total Members 346.

Shewing an Increase in Initiations 11 and Withdrawals 22, and a Decrease in Admissions 2 and Total Members 16.

So far as Returns have been received, from the observations made by the Gr^d. Sect^y. the order is flourishing the present year 1838 to an Extent he believes Unparalleld in the Annals of Masonry in this State.

The Lodges now in Active Operation in the City and County of Philad^a. are the following: N°. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, and 187 in the City.

And in the County N°. 81, Germantown.
" 102, Frankford.
" 135, Manyunk.
" 211, Kensington.

The only Legal Lodges beyond the City and County of Philad^a. under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penn^a. are

N°. 22, Sunbury, Northumberland C^o.
" 43, Lancaster, Lancaster C^o.
" 45, Pittsburg, Allegheny " Warrant restored July 8, 1837.
" 60, Brownsville, Fayette "
" 62, Reading, Berks "
" 69, Chester, Delaware " Suspended Labors.
" 82, Milford, Pike "
" 113, Pittsburg, Allegheny " Warrant restored July 8, 1837.
" 119, Gibson, Susquehanna " Exonerated from Dues from 27th Dec. next.
" 132, Waynesburg, Chester C^o. Suspended Labors.
" 136, Abington, Montgomery C^o.
" 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill "
" 141, Halifax, Dauphin C^o. Exonerated from Dues to 27th Decr. next.
" 152, Easton, Northampton C^o.
" 153, Waynesburg, Greene "
" 156, Chestnut Level, Lancaster C^o.
" 190, Norristown, Montgomery C^o.
" 197, Carlisle, Cumberland " Suspended Labors.
" 208, New Broomfield, Perry C^o.
" 216, Pottsville, Schuylkill "
" 217, Montevedio.

It appears from the A/c here rendered that there is a Balance in the Ledger in favor of the Gr$^{d.}$ L. of, . . .		56925.10
From this may be deducted the Am$^{t.}$ Charged to the Gas Manufactory, ...	3503.37	
And the Am$^{t.}$ due on Gas Certificates as per Report of the Committee, . .	2400.	
The Acc$^{ts.}$ of Doubtful Debtors, Viz:		
W. R. Smith, D. Nathans and A. Bonaffon,	1165.25	
Due by 4 Lodges beyond the City and C$^{o.}$ of Philad$^{a.}$ who have or intend surrendering their Warrants, . . .	87.	
N$^{o.}$ 119 and 141 dues Remitted by the G. L.,	196.65	
		7352.27
And the Actual State of the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge is, . .		$49572.83

The Grand Secretary begs leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Lodge N$^{o.}$ 217, Montevideo, be allowed a further time to Comply with the Resolution of the Grand Lodge passed the 7th March, 1836 Say Until the 1st June, 1839.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ June 18$^{th.}$ 1838.

A Communication was received from Pulaskie Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 216, held at Pottsville, Schuylkill C$^{o.,}$ appointing Bro. Francis Cooper, (a Past Master and Member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 130), their Proxy, which was on Motion made and Seconded, approved, and Bro. Francis Cooper acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 216.

Bro. Francis Cooper on behalf of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 216, presented the following which was Read and referred to the Com. of Finance, Viz:

The following Resolution was adopted at a Special Meeting of Pulaskie Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 216, June 2$^{d.}$ A. D. 1838. Resolved, that Bro. E. Chichester be a Committee to request the Grand Lodge to subscribe to the Stock in the Town Hall, or to Loan this Lodge a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars, on

Pledge of Town Hall Stock as Collateral Security to equal amount at par Value.

Signed. B. T. TAYLOR, Sect^y.

On Motion and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be Instructed to Calculate the Interest to the 1st July on the Note of Victor Pepin held by the Committee of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, which with the Principal thereof he shall Incorporate with the Certificate of Gas Stock, to be granted to the said Committee for the Use of the said Charity Fund.

A Communication was Received from Lodge N°. 115, asking for an Alteration of the 2^d Section of Article 3^d of their By Laws requiring the Sum of Twenty Five Dollars to be Paid for Initiation instead Thirty Dollars heretofore charged. Referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The Grand Secretary Acknowledged the Receipt of the Warrant of Lodge N°. 50 of West Chester together with a Chest Containing their Jewels and Furniture, &c., which was approved.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at a Quarter past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILAD^A., Monday, September 3^d, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Quarterly Grand Communication.
Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W. Grand Master.	
"	Saml. H. Perkins,	"	Dep^y. G. M.
"	Jos^h. R. Chandler,	"	Senior G. W.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Junior G. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr^d. Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Gr^d. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Dep^y. Gr^d. Secretary.		
"	Willm. Whitney, Senr. Gr^d. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Zadok A. Davis, Junr. Gr^d. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Zelotus Fuller,	Grand Chaplain.	
"	Willm. Barger,	"	Marshal.
"	John Goodman,	"	Sword Bearer, P. T.
"	J. Dalzell Moore,	"	Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 3, 19, 43, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 115, 125, 130, 158, 62, 217, 138 and 216 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of June 4th and of the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of June 18th were Read and each separately adopted.

The Committee of Finance made the following Reports which were Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennª.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the First Quarter of the Present Year:

Receipts.

From Franklin Institute, ...		2242.22
" Lodge Dues, City and County,	685.02	
" " " Elsewhere,. .	140.75	
		825.77
" Dispensations, ...		35.
" Certificates, ...		14.
" F. Plummer for Rent, ...		31.25
		3148.24

Payments.

For Interest to Stockholders, ...	1121.
" Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances, .	200.
" Grand Tylers dº. and Tyling, . .	46.50
" Genl. Expenses Bro. Manning for Printing,	14.75
" Hall Committee, Sundry Expenses, Gas, Water Rent, Repairs, &c. . . .	130.20
	1512.45
Receipts Exceeding Expenses, . . .	1635.79

Respectfully Submitted.

JOHN THOMSON.
W. H. ADAMS.
A. E. DOUGHERTY.

Sepr. 3d, 1838.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance Report the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Second Quarter of the Present Year ending June 30$^{th.}$

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, .	337.	
Elsewhere, . .	136.50	
		473.50
Bro. F. Plummer for Rent		31.25
J. R. Chandler, Ch$^{n.}$ Com. on P. and Sale, .		107.75
Dispensations, ...		65.
Certificates, ...		16.
		693.50
Payments exceeding receipts, . . .		742.67
		1436.17

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...	501.
d$^{o.}$ on Mortgage and Certificate of Debt, .	318.92
Grand Secretary, Salary and Allowances, . .	200.
Grand Tyler, d$^{o.}$ and Tyling, . .	58.50
Expenses of Visitation to N$^{o.}$ 43, Lancaster, .	17.50
Porterage of Chest from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 50, . .	25
Hall Committee, Sundry Repairs, . . .	15.
" " perpetual Insurance at the N. A. Fire Insurance C$^{o.}$ on $10.000, . . .	325.
	1436.17

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,
W$^{M.}$ H. ADAMS,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ Sept$^{r.}$ 3^{d,} 1838.

The following Report from the Com. of Finance was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Application of Pulaskie Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 216, (through their Proxy Bro. Francis Cooper), for a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars, &c., Respectfully Report,

That the present Condition of the Monied Affairs of the Grand Lodge renders it impossible, (in their Opinion), for the Grand Lodge to accede to said Request.

JOHN THOMSON,
W$^{M.}$ H. ADAMS,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ Sept$^{r.}$ 3$^{d.}$ 1838.

The following was Read and Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred an Alteration in the 2$^{d.}$ Section Article 3^{d} of the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 115, Viz: "That the Initiation Fee should be reduced from Thirty to Twenty Five Dollars," Respectfully recommend the Approval of the same.

SAM$^{L.}$ DAVIS,
ALVA MASON,
SAM$^{L.}$ M. STEWART, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ Sept$^{r.}$ 3$^{d.}$ 1838.

A Return of Dispensations issued during the two first Quarters of the Present Year by D. D. Gr$^{d.}$ Master Thomas Jeffries was read and ordered to be Passed to his Account, Amount

A Communication from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52 was Rec$^{d.}$ and read asking for an alteration in the 10th Article of their By Laws which was referred to the Com. on By Laws.

A Communication was Received from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, held at Reading, Berks C$^{o.,}$ appointing Brother Joseph R. Chandler, (a Past Master and Member of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 130), their Proxy which was on Motion made and Seconded Approved, and Brother Joseph R. Chandler acknowledged as the Proxy of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62.

The following was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

Philad^a., Septr. 3^d, 1838.

To S. M. Stewart, Esqr., R. W. Gr^d. Secretary
of the Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

R. W. Sir and Brother,

In Conformity with the request of the R. W. Grand Master Conveyed in your Letter of Authority dated August 4th I met the Members of Pulaski Lodge, N°. 216 and Schuylkill Lodge, N°. 138, at Pottsville on Friday the 10th Ult^o. and gave them a Lecture on the 1st, 2nd and 3^d Degrees and answered Questions proposed by the Brethren. It gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to the Zeal and Industry of the two Lodges mentioned above and to their hearty Cooperation in promoting the good of the Craft. I was received with the marks of respect due the representative of the Grand Lodge and am happy to bear testimony to the respectful defference Paid to all Suggestions professedly emanating from that Body. It is gratifying to add that the cause of the fraternity is advancing in that Section of the Country. With Great respect

Your obed^t. Servt. and Brother,

JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.

Communications were Received from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Connecticut and South Carolina and Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Proceedings of the Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was Received and referred to the same Committee and that portion of it contained in Page 13 was read and after some Explanations made by Bro^r. James Herring, R. W. Gr^d. Secretary, of said Grand Lodge was referred to the Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decr. 3^d, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. John M. Read, R. W. G. M.
" Saml. H. Perkins, " " Dep^y. G. M.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " " S. G. W.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " " J. G. W.
" Robinson R. Moore, " " G. Treas^r.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " " G. Sect^y.
" John Thomson, Dep^y. G. Sect^y.
" George S. Schott, Senr. G. Deacon.
" W^m. B. Watson, Junr. G. Deacon.
" Zelotus Fuller, Gr^d. Chaplain.
" W^m. Barger, Gr^d. Marshal.
" John Collins, Gr^d. Sword Bearer.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Gr^d. Pursuivant.

Past Grand Masters Kittera, Nisbet and Freeman.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 156, 158, 186, 187, 62, 138, 216 and 217 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of 3^d September were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of Officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to Ballot for them, when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, (in the Room of Bro. John M. Read who declined a Re-election), R. W. G. M.
" Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Dep^y. G. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " " Senr. G. W.
" Francis Cooper, " " Junr. G. W.
" Robinson R. Moore, " " G. Treas^r.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " " G. Sect^y.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballot Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Samuel Wonderly.
Thomas Kittera.

Thomas Biddle.
Michael Nisbet.
Alexander Diamond.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report which was Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Third Quarter Ending Sept$^{r.}$ 30^{th,} 1838.

Receipts.

From Lodge N$^{o.}$ 69, Chester,		49.50
" Franklin Institute Interest to July 1^{st,}		2314.67
" Hall Committee, Bro. Plummer rent on A/c,		25.
" Dispensations,		10.
" Certificates		12.
		2411.17
Payments exceeding Receipts,		79.76
		2490.93

Payments.

Interest to Girard Bequest,	118.92	
to Stockholders,	1503.	
		1621.92
General Expenses,		
to Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary, Salary and Allowances,	200.	
to Gr$^{d.}$ Tyler, Salary and Tyling,	40.50	
Porterage of Chest,	25	
Paper for Printing Abstract of Proceedings of the Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge,	141.75	
Printing the same,	248.14	
Hall Committee for Gas, Charcoal, Repairs, Cleansing Hall and new Gas Burners,	238.37	
		869.01
		2490.93

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, } Com.
W. H. ADAMS,

Dec$^{r.}$ 3^{d,} 1838.

The following Report was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Hall Committee Report, that since their last Quarterly Communication they have had such parts of the Hall white washed and cleansed as they thought was necessary, the Argans Burners of the Gas Lights removed and Bat Wings substituted, believing it was necessary for economy, convenience and furnishing a greater Brilliancy of Light. The Carpet in the Tylers room being Worn out, a New Oil Cloth has been put down in its place. The Stove in the Royal Arch Chapter Room was found not to Answer and a New one has been furnished which is believed will Answer the purpose for Comfort and Convenience and the Quantity of Fuel for the Season has been purchased. Your Committee have not as yet been enabled to Rent the Cellars nor front room of the Hall; the Back Room continues to be occupied as before. They have drawn on the Grand Treasurer for Four Hundred Dollars to defray the Necessary Expenses as per Receipts and Vouchers accompanying this Report, all which is most respectfully Submitted.

Philad^a., Septr. 30th, 1838.

CHA^S. M^cCARAHER.
JOHN C. SMITH.
SAM^L. ASHMEAD.

The following Report was Received, Read and Accepted and the Resolutions thereto attached Unanimously Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee appointed to Examine the transactions of the Past Year and Select for Publication, beg leave very respectfully to Report,

That this Duty has been performed in a highly Satisfactory manner by the Grand Secretary. The transactions of the Grand Lodge, not only for the past Year, but from December, 1831 have been Carefully Collected from the Minutes and arranged by him for Publication, exhibiting a view of one of the most interesting Periods in the History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It has been Printed and distributed among the different Subordinate Lodges. The Committee considering the Grand

Lodge to be much Indebted to Bro. S. M. Stewart for the Zeal, Ability and Judgement he has evinced in the selection, Arrangement and Publication of their Proceedings and transactions, forming altogether a valuable body of Facts, which should be in the Possession of every Member of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Samuel M. Stewart, Grand Secretary, for the very able and Judicious manner in which he has Collected, Arranged and Published the transactions of the Grand Lodge from December 1831 to June 1838 Inclusive.

Resolved, that the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars as a Compensation for the Extra Services rendered is hereby appropriated to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. E. W. Keyser, George Fox, Chas. V. Hagner, } Comee.

Philada., Decr. 3d, 1838.

A Communication was Recd. and Read from Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, stating that on the 11th July last Bro. M—— W—— was Suspended from that Lodge for Unmasonic Conduct. The Communication was Signed by Bro. John Longenecker, Secty. and ordered to be filed.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge No. 201, Mauch Chunk, stating that on the 4th August last R—— J——, an Applicant for Initiation was Rejected and at the Same Meeting J—— J—— and W—— W—— were suspended for non Payment of Dues, and at the Stated Meeting 1st September last H—— W——, an applicant for Initiation was Rejected. The Communication was Signed by Bro. Joseph Minehard, Secretary, and was Ordered to be filed.

The following Resolution offered by Bro. J. A. Phillips and Seconded by Bro. Francis Cooper was Unanimously Adopted:

Resolved, that from and after St. Johns Day Next, Names of all the Elective and Appointed Grand Officers and Grand

Committees shall be published in the daily papers of this City.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening to Meet on the Third Monday of the present month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Decr. 17th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	JOHN M. READ,	R. W.	G. Master.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	" "	D. G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	" "	Senr. G. W.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	" "	Junr. G. W.
"	Samuel Black,	" "	G. Treas^r., P. T.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" "	G. Sect^y.
"	John Thomson, Dep^y. G. Sect^y.		
"	Jacob Zorns, Senr. G. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Z. A. Davis, Junr. G. Deacon, P. T.		
"	William Barger, Grand Marshal.		
"	John Goodman, Grand Sword Bearer.		
"	W^m. B. Watson, Grand Pursuivant.		

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 71, 72, 115, 125, 130, 187, 211, 62 and 217 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was Referred an alteration in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 52, Viz: "That their "Initiation Fee be reduced from Thirty to Twenty Five Dol-"lars."

Respectfully Report the following Resolution for the Consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the alteration in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 52 above mentioned to be and the same is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Respectfully Submitted.

SAMUEL DAVIS,
SAMUEL M. STEWART, } Com.
ALVA MASON,

Philad^a.. Decr. 17th, 1838.

Bro. Chandler, the R. W. Senr. Grand Warden, offered the following Resolutions which after a short address to the Brethren on the flourishing State of the order in Penn^a. under the administration of the present R. W. Grand Master, were Seconded by Bro. Stevenson the R. W. Junr. Grand Warden and Unanimously Adopted, Viz:

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge entertains a Grateful sense of the Benefits resulting to itself and to Masonry at large, from the Faithful and Efficient Services of Bro. John M. Read during the Two Years in which he has served as Right Worshipful Grand Master, as well for the able, Dignified and Impartial manner in which he has presided over its Communications, as for the enlightened zeal which he has exhibited in encouraging the Subordinate Lodges and Instructing the Officers in a faithful discharge of their Duties.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby affectionately presented to the Right Worshipful John M. Read, Esqr.. together with its ardent Wishes for his Health and Happiness.

Resolved, that the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to furnish a Copy for Publication of his very able and Instructive address to the Subordinate Lodges on the occasion of his late Grand Visitation to them.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Ten Minutes before Nine o'clock in the Even^g.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

St. Johns Day, Philadelphia, December 27th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	John M. Read,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Senior G. W.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Junior G. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary.

" John Thomson, Deputy Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$
" Ge$^{o.}$ S. Schott, Gr$^{d.}$ Sen$^{r.}$ Deacon.
" W$^{m.}$ B. Watson, Gr$^{d.}$ Jun$^{r.}$ Deacon.
" Zelotus Fuller, Gr$^{d.}$ Chaplain.
" Will$^{m.}$ Barger, Gr$^{d.}$ Marshal.
" J. Steiner, Gr$^{d.}$ Sword Bearer, P. T.
" J. Zornes, Gr$^{d.}$ Pursuivant, P. T.
P. G. Master, M. Nisbet.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 51, 52, 67, 71, 72, 91, 125, 130, 155, 186, 62, 138, 216 and 217; represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Twenty Minutes past Ten o'clock in the Morning.

So much of the Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 3^{d} In$^{t.}$ as relates to the Election of Officers being Read and all the Officers being Present, they were Severally Installed into their respective offices and being duly Proclaimed received the accustomed salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Bro.	Samuel H. Perkins,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Dep$^{y.}$ G. M.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Senior G. W.
"	Francis Cooper,	"	Junior G. W.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Gr$^{d.}$ Secretary.

On Motion of Bro. Phillips and Seconded by Bro. Cooper the Resolution Adopted at the Gr$^{d.}$ Quarterly Communication on the 3^{d} In$^{t.}$ relative to Publishing the names of the Elective and Appointed Officers and Committees was rescinded.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at 20 Minutes Past Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 21, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a.^ Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " " Deputy G. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " " Senr. G. Warden.
" Francis Cooper, " " Junr. G. Warden.
" Robinson R. Moore, " " Gr^d.^ Treasurer.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " " Gr^d.^ Secretary.
" John Thomson, Dep^y.^ Gr^d.^ Secretary.
" Ge^o.^ S. Schott, Senr. Gr^d.^ Deacon.
" Robt. Hutchinson, Junr. Gr^d.^ Deacon, P. T.
" Zelotus Fuller, Grand Chaplain.
" Willm. Whitney, Grand Marshal, P. T.
" Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 187, 211, 62, 138, 201, 216 and 217 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were Received, Read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, Viz:

New Jersey,
South Carolina and
Georgia.

Alterations and Additions to the By Laws of Lodges N°. 19 and 67 were submitted and referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on By Laws Report that they have examined an alteration asked for by Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19 in the 16th Article of their By Laws, Reducing their Initiation Fee from Thirty to Twenty Five Dollars and respectfully recommend the sanction of the same.

SAM$^{L.}$ DAVIS,
ALVA MASON,
S. M. STEWART, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ Jan$^{y.}$ 21, 1839.

The following was Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Hall Committee Report that since their last Communication they have met regularly once a week and have not as yet had any application for the Front Room or Cellars of the Hall although they have advertised them in the Public Newspapers.

The Rev$^{d.}$ F. Plummer continues to occupy the same Apartment as heretofore. Accompanying this Report are an account of the Receipts and Disbursements with the Vouchers of the Hall Committee up to the 27th December, 1838, all which is most respectfully submitted.

CHA$^{S.}$ MCCARAHER,
SAM$^{L.}$ ASHMEAD, } Committee.

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 27^{th,} 1838.

The following accompanying the Returns of Dispensations Granted was Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

Reading, January 8^{th,} 1839.

Sir and Brother,

Enclosed you will receive Thirty Five Dollars the Am$^{t.}$ of Money Received for Dispensations Granted by me in favor of the within named brethren the last year Ending December 27^{th,} 1838. I have also the pleasure to Inform the R. W. Grand Lodge that Lodge N$^{o.}$ 62, Reading, is in a very flourishing Condition and Promises to do well in future.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

D. HERR,
D. D. G. M.

Bro. Sam$^{l.}$ M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary.

The following was Received, Read and Ordered to be filed.

Pottsville, 16th Jany. 1839.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have the pleasure through you to report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna. That the Lodges within my Masonic Jurisdiction comprising Schuylkill Lodge, No. 138, and Pulaski Lodge, No. 216 are in a prosperous State.

During the last Masonic Year Dispensations to Pass the Chair were granted to Bros. G. C. Wynkoop, Enos Chichester, H. L. Smith, John C. Conrad, Chas. A. Whitney, Chas. H. Richards, J. F. Harrard and Joseph Robinson. Most of the foregoing Dispensations were Granted on the Evening of the opening of the recently established Royal Arch Chapter of this place, in order that a sufficient number of Brethren might be admitted to fill the Several offices and Stations thereof, on which occasion owing to the particular exigency I departed from the General Rule and extended a Credit to the Brethren desirous of Dispensations. I have since Collected Twenty Five Dollars which I hold subject to the order of the R. W. Grand Lodge, the residue Fifteen Dollars I shall soon, I expect be able to Collect, at all events I shall hold myself personally responsible therefor if required.

As I am in want of the Usual Blank forms, none having been yet received by me, I will thank you to send me a few by the Earliest oppy.

I would mention for the Information of the R. W. Grand Lodge that during the past year there have been three Masonic Processions of Pulaski Lodge, No. 216. One was for laying the Corner Stone of the Presbyterian Church, the Second a Funeral Procession on the Death of a Brother and the Third on the laying of the Corner Stone of the Town Hall of the Borough.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

Benjn. H. Cumming,
D. D. G. M.

Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr.,
Grand Secretary.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the following Lodges

N°.	3,	Philad^a.
"	9,	ditto.
"	19,	ditto.
"	52,	ditto.
"	52,	Philad^a.
"	62,	Reading.
"	67,	Philad^a.
"	71,	ditto.
"	72,	ditto.
"	81,	Germantown.
"	91,	Philad^a.
"	115,	ditto.
"	125,	ditto.
"	130,	ditto.
"	138,	Orwigsburg.
"	155,	Philad^a.
"	187,	ditto.
"	190,	Norristown.

Accompanying the Returns from 138, Orwigsburg, was the following Letter which was Read and ordered to be filed.

Orwigsburg, 7th Dec^r., 1838.

Saml. M. Stewart, Esqr., Gr^d. Sect^y.,

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hasten to forward you the Returns from Lodge N°. 138, for the present Year, from which you will perceive that our Lodge is in a flourishing State. Since our last Report we have had an accession of 14 New Members, all Men of highly respectable Standing in Society, Zealous and Useful in our Order. We have also been relieved from the burden of a few of the old Members who have outlived their Usefulness. When we Compare our present prospects with the experience of a few years past we have truly Cause to rejoice. There was a period of Several Years Since 1830 when N°. 138 was literally Struggling for Existence, when the Clouds of Oppression Lowered darkly around us when the Energies of nearly all the Members were prostrated before the Si. roc. of Antimasonry, a little Spar-

tan Band of Four threw themselves into the Breach determined to Cling to the last to the Charter of their Masonic Existence and we have succeeded beyond our most Sanguine Hopes. I have no doubt that our Report in 1839 will sustain the Reputation of the Lodge as we are disposed to Profit by past experience by always keeping in View the fact that Moral Worth should alone be a Passport to the Privileges of our Ancient and Honorable Order. Bro. David Hassinger, one of our New Members is a Minister of the Gospel and in Accordance with what we conceived to be the Usual Rule in Such Cases, our Lodge Conferred the three Degrees upon him and received him as a Member without any Charge, and desire if it be not Inconsistent with the Rules of the R. W. Grand Lodge that the Sum of Three Dollars Charged against us in our Account for his Initiation and Membership may be remitted. I Enclose you my Check on the Miners Bank of Pottsville for Forty Nine Dollars, the full Amt. of our Dues for the past Year. I have not Included in the Check the Six Dollars due on the Old Account because I purpose Writing to One of our Members residing in Philada. who is indebted to our Lodge for Dues to Call upon you and Pay the Amt. of his Dues to you.

Sincerely and fraternally Yours,

Wm. B. Potts, Secty. of No. 138.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Announce the following Appointments.

Senr. Grd. Deacon,	Bro. Wm. Barger of No. 72.
Junr. Grd. Deacon,	" J. Dalzell Moore, 158.
Grand Chaplains,	Revd. R. Piggott, Z. Fuller, John Chambers, Jas. Wiltbank.
Grand Stewards,	Bro. L. Keatting No. 2, W. Mayweg, 125.
Grand Marshal,	" Wm. Whitney, No. 51.
Grand Sword Bearer,	" Jacob Steiner, No. 125.
Grand Pursuivant,	" John Collins, No. 2.
Grand Tyler,	" Charles Schnider, No. 71.

Grand Committees.

Com. of Finance, Bros. John Thomson, 51, A. E. Dougherty, 115, Wm. H. Adams, 59, C. S. Peaslee, 51, Alexr. Diamond, 115.

Com. of Charity, Bro^s. Charles Stout, 67, Jacob Alter, 72, C. Esenwein, 125, John Jones, 67, M. Cartwright, 211.

Com. of Correspondence, A. M. Prevost, 121, J. A. Phillips, 71, Ge^o. Fox, 121.

Com. to Examine the Transactions of the Past Year and Select for Publication, Bro^s. E. W. Keyser, 121, C. V. Hagner, 135, P. Fritz, 155.

Com. on By Laws of Subordinate Lodges, Bro^s. Saml. Davis, 121, Alva Mason, 158, S. M. Stewart, 51.

Hall Committee, Bro^s. C. McCaraher, N°. 3, S. Ashmead, 2, John C. Smith, 67.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

" Willm. B. Potts of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill C^o., for the County of Schuylkill.

" David F. Gordon of Reading, Berks C^o., for the County of Berks.

" Robt. Clarke of Brownsville, Fayette C^o., for the Counties of Fayette and Greene.

" James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton C^o., for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna.

" John Birmingham of Pittsburg, Allegheny C^o., for the County of Allegheny.

The R. W. Grand Secretary nominated Bro. John Thomson as Deputy Grand Secretary which nomination was unanimously approved.

The Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half past 8 o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 4th. A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penn^a., Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAM^L. H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.

" Joseph R. Chandler, " Deputy G. M.

Bro. Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. Senior G. Warden.
" Francis Cooper, " Junior G. Warden.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" John Thomson, " Dep$^{y.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$
" Will$^{m.}$ Barger, " Sen$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" J. Dalzell Moore, " Jun$^{r.}$ G. Deacon.
" Z. Fuller and J. Wiltbank, Grand Chaplains.
" Will$^{m.}$ Whitney, Grand Marshal.
" Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, Grand Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John Collins, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187, 211, 62, 138, 201, 216 and 217 represented.

Twenty Six Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of December 3$^{d.}$ 1838, of the Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication of December 17$^{th.}$ 1838, of the Annual Grand Communication of December 27$^{th.}$ 1838, and of the Extra Grand Communication of January 21$^{st.}$ 1839 were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were each severally Adopted.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the Following Lodges, Viz:

N$^{o.}$ 2, 51, 59, 114, 121, 158, 186 Philadelphia.
" 43, Lancaster.
" 102, Frankford.
" 135, Manyunk.
" 201, Mauch Chunk.
" 211, Kensington.

A Discussion took place in Consequence of some Returns Stating, "Expelled for Non Payment of Dues," and others "Suspended" for the same reason, and on Motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded, the Subject was referred to the Grand Officers to take into Consideration the Propriety of Expelling for Non Payment of Dues.

A Communication was Received and read from Lodge N$^{o.}$

43, held at Lancaster, dated February 15th, 1839, Signed by the W. M. of Said Lodge Stating that at the Stated Meeting held on the 13th February they had Suspended E—— D——, F—— F——, C—— F——, Jr., J—— H——, G—— H——, P—— H——, D—— K. J——, J—— M——, J—— M——, J—— M——, M—— O'B——, H—— D. O——, O—— R——, P—— R——, J—— H. R——, W—— W. S——, G—— S—— and J—— S—— for Non Payment of Dues, and Expelled J—— W—— for the same reason. Ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report which was Read and ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report the following Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Fourth Quarter Ending Decr. 27th, 1838.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,		476.34
do. do. Elsewhere,		204.06
Rent of lower Room,		10.
Dispensations,		45.
Certificates,		12.
Sale of Old Stove,		3.
		750.40

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	84.	
do. on Mortgage to J. C. Fisher,	200.	
		284.
Grd. Secy. for Extra Services pr. Vote of Grand Lodge Decr. 3rd.		200.00
Grd. Secty. Salary and Allowances this Quarter,		200.00
Grd. Tyler do. and Tyling " "		48.
Grand Visitations City and County,		57.92
Advertizing Meetings,		15.
Hall Committee for Fuel, Taxes, &c.,		370.60
		$1175.52

Payments exceeding Receipts $425.12.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John Thomson,
Wm. H. Adams,
A. E. Dougherty, } Committee.

Philada., March 4th, 1839.

The Committee of Finance presented the following Estimate of the Probable Receipts and Payments for the Year 1839 which was Read and Accepted and the Resolutions Attached thereto Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$

The Committee of Finance respectfully present an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Payments for the year 1839.

Receipts.

Interest on Debt due by Franklin Institute		
35183.34 @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., . .	2111.00	
50366.66 @ 5 p$^{r.}$ ct., . .	2518.33	
		4629.33
Dues from City and County Lodges for 1838, .		1700.
d$^{o.}$ " d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ " 1837, .		600.
D$^{o.}$ " Country Lodges for 1838, . . .		450.
D$^{o.}$ " d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ " 1837, . . .		72.
Rent from 18 Lodges @ $30 and 2 Lodges @ 22.00,		584.
d$^{o.}$ from 4 Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge @ 22.00,		110.
d$^{o.}$ of Lower Room, ...		125.
Dispensations and Certificates, ' . . .		200.
		8470.33

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...	3535.
d$^{o.}$ on J. C. Fishers Mortgage, . . .	400.
d$^{o.}$ on Certificate Girard Bequest, . . .	237.84
d$^{o.}$ on Mortgage to Dancing Assembly (4 y$^{s.}$),	1320.
Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances, . .	800.
Grand Tylers d$^{o.}$ d$^{o.}$ . .	175.
Fuel, Taxes, Water Rent, Gas and Repairs, . .	850.
	7317.84
Excess of Receipts over Payments, . . .	1152.49
	8470.33

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by All of the Com$^{ee.}$

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance agreeably to the Estimate presented beg leave to offer the following Resolutions for their adoption:

Resolved, that the Sum of Five Thousand, Four Hundred

and Ninety Two Dollars and Eighty four Cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Payment of Interest on Loans and Mortgages to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by him Under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Payment of the Grand Tylers Salary and Allowances to be drawn for by the Grand Secretary Under the Usual Restrictions.

Resolved, that the Sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the Purchase of Fuel, Payment of Taxes, Water Rent, Gas, Repairs and Incidental Expenses, to be drawn for by the Chairman of the Hall Committee under the Usual restrictions.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

John Thomson,
Chas. S. Peaslee,
Alexr. Diamond,
A. E. Dougherty,
W. H. Adams, } Comee.

Philada., March 4th, 1839.

The following Report from the Grand Com. of Charity was Read and Referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge beg leave to present an Account of the Funds Committed to their Care up to Decr. 27th, 1838, Viz:

The Investments of the Committee then was	
9 Certificates Masonic Loan 6 pr. ct., ...	900.
1 do. of Debt in lieu of the Gas Loan and V. Pepins Note held by the Committee, .	1343.37
2 Certificates Penna. Loan 5 pr. ct., ...	600.
1 do. of 11 Shares Stock in Southern Loan Co.,	275.
Cash in Saving Fund, ...	77
	3119.14
Less due the Treasurer, ...	60.
	3059.14
Investments and Cash per Report Decr., 1837, .	2256.11
Shewing an Increase of, ...	803.03

Receipts and Disbursements from Decr. 27th, 1836 to Decr. 27th, 1838.

1837.		*Receipts.*	
Jan^y.	22,	Cash Interest on Masonic Loan, . .	27.
Feb^y.	2,	d^o. d^o. on Penn^a. Loan, . .	15.
July	2,	d^o. d^o. on Masonic Loan, . .	27.
	3,	Proceeds of R. W. Desilver Note, .	53.77
	12,	Drawn out of Saving Fund, . .	18.23
	24,	Dividend on Southern Loan Co. Stock,	11.
Aug^t.	2,	Interest on Penn^a. Loan, . . .	15.
	9,	Drawn out of Savings Fund, . .	23.
	"	50 p^r. ct. on 4 Certificates Gas Loan, .	20.
		Balance due Treasurer, . . .	60.
			270.

1838.		*Payments.*	
May	19,	Cash deposited in Savings Fund, . .	42.
June	22,	" p^d. S. Hazlehurst for one Certificate Gas Loan, . . .	99.
July	9,	" Ge^o. A. Baker for one ditto, .	10.
Aug.	11,	" C. Schnider for Three ditto, .	44.
Dec.	24,	" Lewis Allen for Two ditto, . .	20.
		" Thos. Desilver for One ditto, .	10.
		" Lodge N°. 52 for One ditto, .	30.
		" John Thomas for One ditto, .	15.
			270.

Respectfully Submitted.

CHA^S. STOUT,
MATTHEW CARTWRIGHT, } Committee.
JOHN JONES,

Philad^a., Feby. 25th, 1839.

The following Report from the Committee of Correspondence was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

To the R. W. The Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

Since their last Report of the 18th June, 1838, your Com-

mittee of Correspondence have examined the following Communications referred to them.

Grand Lodge of	Connecticut,	May	1838.
	New Hampshire,	June	"
	Maryland,	May	"
	Kentucky,	August	"
	South Carolina,	December	1837.
	New Jersey,	November	1838.
	Ireland,	December	1837.
	Georgia,	November	1838.

which contain the Yearly details of their Elections, Rejections, Expulsions, &c., with addresses and Statements of their Financial Situation. Upon a Comparison with those formerly received, your Committee think they can safely assert that the period has been for some time passed when Masonry in this Country reached its lowest ebb. Its present Prospects are now decidedly of an onward Nature and although no particular action appears to be required on the part of this Grand Lodge in relation to the above Documents yet your Committee cannot but congratulate the Fraternity in those States, on the bright hope of better days which now begins to dawn upon them.

They have also before them an address from the G. L. of South Carolina on the Subject of the destruction of their Masonic Hall in May last, at the time of the Conflagration which laid waste a great Portion of the City of Charleston.

The Building was nearly Completed and on the point of being occupied. The Grand Lodge relying on the Zeal of Masons Generally have determined not to abandon the Undertaking and Solicit the Aid of the Several Grand Lodges throughout the United States, an Appeal to which your Committee respectfully beg to Call your attention.

We Notice in a Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia from the Pen of their Grand Secretary, Bro. James Laurenson, expressions of the Gratification experienced by the Perusal of the Small Volume of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The Labour, Intelligence and Zeal which have been bestowed upon this truly Masonic production appear to be fully appreciated by them as well as by all those Grand Secretaries who have acknowledged its receipt.

Lastly your Committee beg leave to advert to two Subjects

forming an Interesting part of the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of New York. They alluded to the propriety of recognizing as Legitimate Freemasons, Sojourning Brethren made in Lodges practising the French and Scottish Rites, recommended to the Attention of all its Sister Grand Lodges in the United States. The other is a proposal to admit an Exchange of representatives from and to all the Grand Lodges with which that of New York is in Correspondence.

Both having been referred to the Special Consideration of the R. W. the Grand Officers, your Committee await the result of their deliberations with a degree of Anxiety Commensurate with the Importance of their decision.

A. M. Prevost,
J. A. Phillips, } Com^ee.
Ge^o. Fox,

Philad^a., 4th March, 1839.

The Committee on By Laws made the following Report which was Read and on Motion Made and Seconded, Approved.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred the Within Alterations, Amendments and Additions to the By Laws of Lodge N°. 67 respectfully Report, that they have Carefully examined the Same and beg leave to recommend their Approval except the 1st Article altering the time of Meetings, which your Committee Conceive to be Contrary to Usage p^r. Ahiman Rezon Page 134.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sam^L. Davis,
Alva Mason, } Com.
Sam^L. M. Stewart

Philad^a., March 11th, 1839.

The following are the Alterations, &c., above alluded to:

Article 1st. This Article to be Altered so as to read "Stated "Meetings from the 25th March to the 25th Septr. at 7½ o'clock "and from the 25th of Septr. to the 25th March at 6½ o'clock."

Article 6th. "The Secretary to receive One Dollar and Fifty

"Cents for each Stated Meeting instead of One Dollar as at "present."

Article 9th. "After the Words "Thirty One Dollars for Ad-"mission" Insert "Six Dollars of which shall be Paid before "receiving the First, Ten Dollars before receiving the Second "and Ten Dollars before receiving the Third Degree."

Article 10th. Strike out "Six Dollars as admission for a Master "Mason" and Insert "Ten Dollars" in Place thereof.

Article 11th. After the word "Treasurer" in the first Paragraph, Insert "Provided a Member has Paid his Dues for Five "Successive Years he shall then be placed on half Dues. Any "Member by the Payment of Thirty Dollars after having Paid "the Sum for Initiation and Membership shall be exempt from "Contributions or Dues for Life."

New Article No. 28. "The Present Trustees shall continue "in office during Good Behaviour and any Vacancy by Death "or otherwise shall be filled by Election of the Lodge at its "annual Election."

The following Report from the Committee on By Laws was received, read and on Motion made and Seconded, the Resolution attached thereto was Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred an Alteration in the By Laws of Lodge No. 211 (the 9th Article thereof) Viz: that the Initiation Fee should be Twenty Five instead of Thirty Dollars,

Respectfully Report, that though the Warrant of said Lodge was granted on the pledge of the Petitioners that the Initiation Fee should be Thirty Dollars, The Committee are of Opinion that it having been in several Instances Reduced in the Lodges held in the City within a short time, that it might with propriety be granted to Lodge No. 211, held at Kensington, they therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that Lodge No. 211, held at Kensington, be allowed to Alter the 9th Article of their By Laws so as to Read Twenty five instead of Thirty Dollars.

Respectfully Submitted.

Saml. Davis,
Alva Mason,
S. M. Stewart, } Commees.

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1839.

The following Letters were Received and Read both Addressed to the Grand Secretary.

Chester, Feb$^{y.}$ 28$^{th.}$ 1839.

Sir,

At the time of Returning our Warrant of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 69 to the Grand Lodge we held a Small Stone House and Lot in this place and the same has been in occupancy of Isaac Williams, a Brother, who I Understand has never accounted for any Rent altho receiving Rent for the same, and has now become Insolvent. I have been requested to Inform you of the matter so that the Grand Lodge may take such order thereon as they may in their Wisdom think most proper, to whom I presume the Property now belongs to after the dissolution of the Lodge. There should be some person here authorized to receive the Rents and take Care of the Property to prevent it from being totally destroyed and keep it in repair. I should say that it is worth $400 or thereabouts.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH WEAVER, JUN$^{R.,}$
formerly Sect$^{y.}$ Lodge N$^{o.}$ 69.

Chester, March 2$^{d.}$ 1839.

D$^{r.}$ Sir,

I advised you two or three years since that the Lodge at this place had Suspended its Labors from that time until the present, the House and Lot belonging to Chester Lodge has remained in the Charge and Occupancy of M$^{r.}$ Isaac S. Williams, and as his Accounts remain Unsettled and Unadjusted, and no one being authorized to make Arrangements with him on the Subject, I have deemed it my Duty to give you notice thereof. The property I understand is held in trust for the Use of Chester Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 69, and on its dissolution for the Use of the Grand Lodge. Some one should be appointed to take Charge of the Property.

Very truly Yours,

WILL$^{M.}$ MARTIN.

On Motion of the Grand Secretary and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Grand Committee of Charity be a Committee to Receive the Property of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 69 in Trust for the

Grand Lodge and Appropriate the Rents and Profits of the same to the Use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Announce the Appointment of Bro. John Collins as Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Secretary Instructed so to fill up the Blank in the Appointments made on the 21st January.

Communications were Received from the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Alabama and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 3d, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Samuel Black,	"	Depy. G. M., P. T.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	"	Senr. G. Warden.
"	Francis Cooper,	"	Junr. G. Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	Grd. Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	"	Grd. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Depy. Grd. Secty.		
"	William Barger, Senr. Grd. Deacon.		
"	Z. A. Davis, Junr. Grd. Deacon, P. T.		
"	Z. Fuller and J. Wiltbank, Grand Chaplains.		
"	William Whitney, Grand Marshal.		
"	Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.		
			Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187, 211, 138, 216 and 217 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of March 4th were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

The following Reports from the Committee of Finance and Hall Committee were Read and each Separately Adopted, Viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the First Quarter Ending March 30th, 1839.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County,		878.84
From District Deputy Grand Masters,		35.
" Franklin Institute for Interest,		2314.67
For Rent of Lower Room,		68.75
" Dispensations,		80.
" Certificates,		18.
" Ahiman Rezon,		10.50
		3405.76

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders,	1566.	
do. on Certificate to Girard Bequest,	118.92	
do. to Grand Com. of Charity for gas Loans and V. Pepins Note,	40.30	
		1725.22
For Printing Circulars 1836, 7 and 8,		10.25
" Binding 20 Copies Ahiman Rezon,		7.75
" Grand Secreterys Salary and Allowances,		200.
" Grand Tylers do. and Tyling,		43.50
" Hall Committee Paid this Quarter,		320.71
		2307.43

Receipts exceeding Payments $1098.33.

All which is respectfully Submitted.

Signed by All of the Committee.

Philada., June 3d, 1839.

To the R. W. Grd. Master of the Grd. Lodge of Penna.:

The Hall Committee Report that since their Communication of the 27th December last they have drawn from the Grand Treasurer Three Hundred Dollars and Received from the Revd.

Bro. Plummer Sixty Eight Dollars and Seventy five Cents for Rent and Paid it over to the Grand Treasurer. They have also Paid the Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars and Seventy One Cents for Sundry Bills of Expenses up to the 1st of April as per Statement accompanying this Report. The Committee further state to the Grand Lodge that the Occupancy of the Hall remains the same as at the last Report. All which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed. CHAS. MCCARAHER.
SAML. ASHMEAD.
JOHN C. SMITH.

Philada., April 1st, 1839.

The following was Received from the Com. of Finance, Read and ordered to lie on the Table and a Number of Copies Printed and distributed to the Members of the Grand Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee of Finance believing that the present System of receiving the Dues and Disbursing the Appropriations of the Grand Lodge to be defective submit the following Resolution which if adopted they believe would render the System Unobjectionable.

Resolved, that the Lodge Dues and other Revenues of the Grand Lodge shall be Paid directly to the Grand Treasurer, who shall Keep duplicate Receipts of all Monies received by him as Treasurer, which duplicate Receipts shall be attested by the Person or Persons paying the same or when dues shall be received by mail, the Letter enclosing the same shall be the Voucher for such Receipt and that all appropriations shall be Paid by the Grand Treasurer under the Usual restrictions, in every Case by a check on the Bank in which the Treasurers account is kept, drawn to the order of the Person or Persons or his or their legal Attorney or Attornies to whom the appropriations are Payable and that all monies now in the Hands of others than the Grand Treasurer shall be Paid to him as Treasurer and receipted for as aforesaid.

JOHN THOMSON.
A. E. DOUGHERTY.
WM. H. ADAMS.
ALEXR. DIAMOND.

Philada., June 3d, 1839.

The following Account from the Trustees of the Girard Bequest was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Girard Bequest of the
Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

1838.	To Trustees of said Bequest.		Dr.
July 2,	To Cash Paid S. M. Stewart for 6 Shares Masonic Loan of 1825 bearing 6 pr. ct., ...		600.
	" Interest to 27th Decr., 1838 is 5 Mos. and 25 ds., ...		17.50
1837.	Contra Cr.		
Decr. 27,	By Balance pr. A/c rendered and Loaned Payable in One Year at 6 pr. ct. pr. Annm. and 2 pr. ct. Premium for Loan, ...	886.03	617.50
1838	By Interest to 27th Decr., 1838 is One Year, ...	70.88	
Jany. 1,	By Cash recd. of Grand Lodge as follows:		
	6 Mos. Int. on Certificate of $3964\frac{16}{100}$ . . 118.92		
	6 Mos. " on $6900 Masonic 6s., . . 207.00		
	6 Mos. " on $6000 Masonic 5s., . . 150.00		
		275.92	
	By Int. to 1st June, 1838 is 5 Mos. @ pr. ct. pr Annm. . . .	11.90	
	" " to 27th Decr., 1838 on $487.82 is 6 Mos. 26 ds. on same terms as Loan of Decr. 27/37, .	22.33	
June 1,	By Dividend on 3 Shares Kensington Bank 4 pr. ct., . 6.00		
	" do. on 102 Shares F. and M. Bank 4 pr. ct., . . . 204.00		
		210.	
	" Int. to 27th Decr. 1838 on Same terms as previous Loan 6 Mos. 26 ds. at 6 pr. ct. and 2 pr. ct. Premium pr. Annum, ...	9.62	

July 2, By Cash rec$^{d.}$ of Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge as follows:				
" 6 Mo$^{s.}$ In$^{t.}$ on Certificate of 3964.16, .	. 118.92			
" 6 Mo$^{s.}$ " on $6900 Masonic 6$^{s.}$, .	. 207.00			
" 6 Mo$^{s.}$ " on $6000 Masonic 5$^{s.}$, .	. 150.00			
		475.92		
" In$^{t.}$ to 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1838 is 5 Mo$^{s.}$ 25 d$^{s.}$ @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...		13.88		
" 6 Mo$^{s.}$ In$^{t.}$ on $600 Masonic 6$^{s.}$ purchased this date, . . .		18.00		
" Interest to Dec$^{r.}$ 27/38 is 5 Mo$^{s.}$ 25 d$^{s.}$ @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., . . .		53		
Nov$^{r.}$ 27, By Dividend on 3 Shares Kensington Bk. 4 p$^{r.}$ ct., .	6.00			
" d$^{o.}$ on 102 Shares F. and M. Bk. @ 4 p$^{r.}$ ct., .	. 204.00			
		210.		
" In$^{t.}$ to 27th Dec$^{r.}$ 1838 is 1 Month,		1.05		
				2406.06
			D$^{rs.}$	1788.56

Statement of the Fund on Dec$^{r.}$ 27th, 1838,

Am$^{t.}$ due by Gr$^{d.}$ Lodge in Certificate, . .	3964.16
Masonic 5$^{s.}$ due Jan$^{y.}$ 1, 1845, . . .	6000.
" 6$^{s.}$ Past due, ...	7500.
102 Shares F. and M. Bk. Stock Cost, . .	6932.69
3 " Kensington " " " . .	204.
Loaned Payable on Demand at 8 p$^{r.}$ ct., .	1700.
In hands of Treasurer, ...	88.56
whole am$^{t.}$ of Fund, ...	26389.41
Am$^{t.}$ of Fund on 27th Dec$^{r.}$, 1837, . .	24886.88
increase since last a/c., ...	1502.53

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

(Signed) S. Wonderly.
Tho$^{s.}$ Kittera.
Michael Nisbet.
Thomas Biddle.

Philad$^{a.}$, Dec$^{r.}$ 27th, 1838.

On Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Trustees of the Girard Bequest be Instructed forthwith to Invest any Money that may now be Loaned on Personal Security in Some Safe and profitable Investment.

Communications were Rec$^{d.}$ and read from Lodges N$^{o.}$ 115 and 158 asking the Sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge to Certain Alterations and additions to their By Laws which were referred to the Committee on By Laws.

That of N$^{o.}$ 115 was to Change the time of Meeting from the "first Wednesday" to the "Third Monday."

That of N$^{o.}$ 158 was to alter

Article 5th That the Secretary should receive Twelve Dollars per Year in addition to his exemption from dues and the Sums received for Initiations and certificates.

Article 12th to be Changed so as to read as follows: "every Person Initiated in this Lodge shall Pay the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, Twenty Dollars of which shall be Paid previous to receiving the Second Degree and the remaining Five previous to the 3$^{d.}$ Degree."

Article 13th to be changed so as to read as follows: "an Entered Apprentice from another Lodge who may receive in this Lodge the Degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason shall pay the Sum of Fifteen Dollars" the remainder of the Article to remain as it is.

Article 14$^{th.}$ Thirty Dollars to be changed to Twenty Five Dollars and the Article in other respects to remain as it is.

Article 25th to be a New By Law which they propose for adoption. Any Member of this Lodge who shall Pay into the hands of the Treasurer the Sum of Twenty Five Dollars over and above all arrearages of Dues or admission Fees may be a Member for Life without being Subject to any Dues or Contributions whatever; and the Said Sum may be Paid to the Treasurer in Instalments of Five Dollars each, the Dues to Cease at the Payment of the last Instalment.

The following Reports from the Committtee on By Laws were Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were Separately adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred an alteration in the By Laws Article 1 Section 1st of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 115,

Viz: to Strike out first Wednesday and Insert Third Monday respectfully recommend the Approval of the same.

SAM^L. DAVIS,
ALVA MASON,
S. M. STEWART, } Com.

June 3^d. 1839.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred Alterations in the 5th. 12th. 13th and 14th Articles of the By Laws of Lodge N°. 158 also a New Article 25.

Respectfully Recommend the Approval of the said Alterations and additional By Law.

Respectfully Submitted.

ALVA MASON,
SAM^L. DAVIS,
S. M. STEWART, } Com.

June 3^d. 1839.

A Communication was received and read from a Number of Brethren Members of Lodge N°. 132, held at Waynesburg, Chester C^o., Praying to be reinstated. (they being Under the Impression that the Warrant had been Vacated).

The Grand Secretary read his reply dated March 18th. 1839, Letter Book Page 125, Sanctioned by the R. W. Grand Master and Granting Permission for the Brethren to Elect Officers and Resume the Labors of the Lodge, which Action on the Part of the R. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary was on Motion made and Seconded, Unanimously Approved.

A Petition was Received and Read from a Number of Master Masons duly recommended Praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Minersville, Schuylkill County, to be Called Carbon Lodge of Minersville and nominating for the First Master thereof Bro. John Moon; the First Senior Warden, Bro. John F. G. Kumsius, and the First Junior Warden, Bro. Blair M^c-Lenegan, the date of the recommendation Pottsville, March 25th. 1839. Which Petition was referred to a Committee Consisting of Bro^s. C. Stevenson, S. M. Stewart and J. A. Phillips.

A Communication was received and read from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 71, Announcing that at the Stated Meeting in April, L—— A. P——, Broker, residing in this City an Applicant for Initiation and Membership was Rejected.

Also from the late Secretary of Lodge N°. 158, Stating that he had Omitted in the last returns to Mention that at the Stated Meeting in May, 1838, W—— B. H——, a Candidate for Initiation and Membership was Rejected.

Both of which Communications were Ordered to be filed.

On Motion of P. G. M. Bro. John M. Read and Seconded by Bro. R. R. Moore, Gr^d. Treas^r., a Committee was Appointed to Investigate the Circumstances attending the late rejection and Subsequent admission of a Candidate in Lodge N°. 3. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint on Said Committee the R. W. Past Gr^d. Masters Bro^s. Read and Newcomb and Bro. A. M. Prevost.

A Letter from Bro. Z. A. Davis to the Grand Secretary was Read dated 31st May giving the following Extract of a Letter he had rec^d. from Bro. Ja^s. Herring, Gr^d. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, Viz:

"Since the Rebellion and the existence of Clandestine Lodges "in this City, all Certificates have been endorsed and Numbered "to Indicate that the Holders are not rebels and Outcasts. "Have the Kindness to make known to your Lodges that the "Clandestine Lodges have hired the Old Lodge Room at Union "Hall which must therefore be avoided; there they expect to "entrap Strangers and Visitors from abroad and Conceal their "true Character."

The following was received and read and on Motion made and Seconded, was referred to a Special Committee Consisting of the R. W. Past Grand Masters Bro^s. Read and Newcomb and Bro. James M. Broome.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Penn^a. and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Petition of the subscriber a Member and present Master of Lafayette Lodge, N°. 71, held in this City

Respectfully Represents,

That on the 5th of March last he was requested by the W. M. of Lodge N°. 158 in this City, to officiate in his behalf, that while in the discharge of the duties entrusted to him he was treated in an indecorous and unmasonic manner by Brother Robinson R. Moore of N°. 3, who assumed to himself the right of addressing the Candidates without asking the Usual Permission as established by the Rules of our Order, and constituting

himself a Judge in correcting in an Ungentlemanly and Unmasonic manner the phraseology of the W. M., a right which exclusively belongs to the R. W. the G. M. and to whom alone or to the Grand Lodge your Petitioner is amenable for any dereliction of Duty or misconstruction as regards the manner in which the Labors of a Lodge ought to be conducted. By Brother Moores Conduct he has put at defiance the respect due the presiding officer, holding him up to Contempt to a numerous assemblage of Brethren, in particular to a number of Brethren who had just been admitted in our order who by such an example of a Brother whose age, experience and Station ought to be better acquainted with the Rules and Regulations of the Fraternity, have a precedent which will soon destroy not alone the respect due to the Chair but all Subordination and Harmony which are so essentially necessary to the well being of our order.

Your Petitioner at one time entertained a Hope that this Unpleasant affair could have been amicably arranged thro' the kind interposition of the R. W. the G. M. After waiting some time patiently for a result he adopted the resolution of applying to Lodge N°. 158, who after appointing a Committee, a Copy of whose Report is herewith transmitted, left your Petitioner no other redress than to apply to your Honorable Body.

Your Petitioner would not have adopted this course if Bro. Moore had appeared before the Committee of N°. 158 and offered any reasonable excuse, but on Stating to some of the Brethren that he did not act disrespectful intentionally, he has heaped One Insult over the other, as your Petitioner is ready to prove that he acted Intentionally.

With this brief Statement your Petitioner Prays that the Grand Lodge will take such steps as in their wisdom they may think Proper to adopt.

And as in duty Bound he will ever Pray.

Philad^a., May 28th, 1839. Signed. Z. A. Davis.

The following accompanied the above Petition.

Copy.

The Committee appointed on the Communication of Bro. Z. A. Davis of Lodge N°. 71, addressed to this Lodge beg leave respectfully to Report,

That after sending Notices to Bro. R. R. Moore of N°. 3, and Bro. Z. A. Davis of the time and place of Meeting of your Committee, they were attended by Bro. Davis in Person, and received a Letter from Bro. Moore who declined to meet us as a Committee of this Lodge, which Letter your Committee thought proper to return to Bro. Moore.

Your Committee will simply further state, that being present on the Evening alluded to by Bro. Davis, they are of Opinion that no Brother, no matter how high his Standing in the Fraternity, except the Grand Master, has a right to interfere with the proceedings of a Lodge, or to interrupt in any way the Master of this Lodge or his representative and they therefore view the conduct of Bro. Moore on that Evening as Unmasonic, though they believe Bro. Moore intended no disrespect to this Lodge. They are further of opinion that this Lodge can take no further action upon the Subject except to express its disapprobation, but that the proper place to Investigate the Matter is the Grand Lodge, they therefore Pray to be dispensed from any further Consideration into this matter and to be discharged.

J. D. Moore, Chairman.
Joseph Roberts,
Ge°. Kane.
} Committee.

General Returns were Received, Read and Ordered to be filed from the following Lodges, Viz:

N°. 22, Sunbury, Northumberland C°.
" 119, Gibson, Susquehanna.
" 152, Easton, Northampton.
" 153, Waynesburg, Greene C°.
" 156, Chestnut Level, Lancaster.
" 216, Pottsville, Schuylkill.

Communications were Received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence from the Grand Lodges of Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia and Indiana.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at a Quarter before Ten o'clock in the Evening to meet on the 3d Monday.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 17th, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	SAML. H. PERKINS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	"	Deputy G. M.
"	Francis Cooper,	"	Senr. G. W., P. T.
"	William Barger,	"	Junr. G. W., P. T.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	"	G. Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	"	G. Secretary.
"	John Thomson, Depy. G. Secty.		
"	Samuel Black, Senr. G. D., P. T.		
"	J. Dalzell Moore, Junr. G. D.		
"	Zilotus Fuller, Grd. Chaplain.		
"	William Whitney, Grd. Marshal.		
"	J. Scott, Grd. Sword Bearer, P. T.		
"	John Collins, Grd Pursuivant.		

Past Grand Masters Bros. Newcomb and Read.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186, 187 62, 138, 216, 201 and 217 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being Represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Ten Minutes past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The R. W. Grand Master Announced in an Appropriate and Impressive manner the decease of Past Grand Master Bro. Thomas Kittera which took place on Yesterday Morning the 16th Int. and that in Consequence of this afflicting Dispensation of Providence and from Respect to the Memory of the Deceased the Current Business of the Evening would be postponed.

The R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. John M. Read then offered the following Resolutions, which being Seconded by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master were Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Penna. have heard with feelings of the deepest Regret, the decease of our beloved and respected Brother R. W. P. Grand Master Thomas Kittera, whose Masonic Virtues and Public and Private worth had justly

endeared him to the Fraternity of which he was a bright ornament and a most Zealous attached and influential Member.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge will always recollect with gratitude the Important Services rendered to the Masonic order by our lamented Brother as an Individual Member of the Fraternity, as R. W. Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and Subsequently as one of the Trustees of its Real Estate and also as a Trustee of the Girard Bequest.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our Respect for the Memory of our deceased Brother the Jewels, Hangings and other Furniture of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be placed in Mourning for the space of Six Months.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to Communicate a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions to the Family of our deceased Brother.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at a Quarter past Eight o'clock in the Evening to Meet on the first Monday in July.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 1st, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Extra Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " Depy. Grd. Master.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Senr. Grd. Warden.
" Francis Cooper, " Junr. Grd. Warden.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grand Treasurer.
" Saml. M. Stewart, " Grand Secretary.
" John Thomson, Deputy Grd. Secretary.
" Zelotus Fuller, Grand Chaplain.
" William Barger, Senr. Grd. Deacon.
" Junr. Grd. Deacon.
" William Whitney, Grand Marshal.
" Jacob Steiner, Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
Past Grand Master, Bro. Newcomb.

Lodges Nos. 62, 138, 201, 216, 217, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 211 represented.

Twenty Five Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at Twenty Minutes before Eight o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

On Motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Seconded, the following Resolution was Unanimously Adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will Subscribe Fifty Dollars towards Paving with Wood Blocks, Third Street from Willings Alley to Spruce Street, and that said Sum be and is hereby appropriated to the Hall Committee for that purpose to be drawn for under the Customary restrictions.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded, the following Resolutions were adopted: Resolved, that the Sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars or so much as is Unappropriated be and is hereby appropriated to the Payment of Masonic Certificates now due and bearing an Interest of Six per Cent.

Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be a Committee to Carry the above Resolution into effect as soon as practicable.

The Resolution offered by the Committee of Finance on the 3d June relative to Changing the Method of Receipts and Disbursements of the Funds of the Grand Lodge were taken up and on Motion made and Seconded, were adopted.

The following Report was received, read and Adopted.

To the R. Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the State of Penna.:

The Undersigned two of the Committee appointed to Investigate the Circumstances attending the late Rejection and Subsequent admission of a Candidate in Lodge No. 3 (the other Member of the Committee not attending) Respectfully Report,

That from the Evidence produced before them, it appeared that at the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 3 in May last, a favorable Report was made and Accepted upon the Petition of a Candidate for Initiation, that a Ballot was had and announced by the Junior and Senior Wardens that there was One Black Ball; the Master did not announce the State of the Ballot, but proceeded with other Business; afterwards and in the

course of the same Evening another ballot was had for the same Candidate and announced by the Junior and Senior Wardens that there was one Black Ball; the Master did not announce the State of the Ballot. The Lodge adjourned to the Fifth Wednesday in May at which time the Candidate was Ballotted for, approved and Initiated.

The first Error committed was the Masters not announcing the State of the Ballot First taken and it was also an Error to take a Second Ballot on the same Evening and a further Error to Ballot for the Candidate at an adjourned Meeting. The Candidate under the Circumstances after the first Ballot had been taken could be Considered in no other light than rejected. And the Rules of the Grand Lodge provide that "If "an applicant be Rejected a Second Ballot may be had on the "Motion of any Member duly Seconded, made at one Stated "Meeting and adopted at the next or some subsequent Meet-"ing, but the Ballot so allowed shall be had at the Stated "Meeting next subsequent to that at which such Motion was "Adopted."

The Committee offer the following Resolution:

That the Report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

JOHN M. READ.
B. NEWCOMB.

July 1st. 1839.

The following Report was received, read and Accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Hall Committee Report, that since their last Quarterly Statement to the Grand Lodge they have Rented the front Room of the Hall down Stairs to Chas. Gibbons, Esqr., for a Lawyers office for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per Annum to be Paid Quarterly, also the North Cellar to W. Sigismund Schroabe, Wine Merchant, at One Hundred Dollars a Year payable Quarterly, to be used as a Wine Cellar. Accompanying this Report is an Account of the Receipts and Expenses with their Vouchers for the Quarter Ending the 30th June, all which is most respectfully Submitted.

CHAS. MCCARAHER.
SAML. ASHMEAD.
JOHN C. SMITH.

July 1st. 1839.

The following was received from the Hall Committee, Read and Ordered to lie on the Table. Extract from the Minutes.

At a Meeting of the Hall Committee held 26th Int. present Bros. McCaraher, Smith and Ashmead; the Committee took into consideration the Necessity of having the Grand Lodge Room Papered, Painted and Cleaned and for the purpose of ascertaining the probable Cost consulted the Painter and Paper Hanger, who after due deliberation informed the Committee that it would Cost about $300 to Complete the Same.

Saml. Ashmead, Secy.

Therefore Resolved,

That an additional Appropriation of Three Hundred Dollars be made to the Hall Committee for the purpose above Stated.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine was Received and Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The following Communication was Received, Read and Referred to R. W. Past Grand Masters Newcomb and Read and Bro. Riley.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Undersigned a Member, or late a Member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, respectfully submit to the Grand Lodge the following Statement of part of the Proceedings of said Lodge on the Evening of June 4th and 6th, 1839.

On Tuesday Evening June 4th the Committee which had been appointed at a previous Meeting to examine into the Character and Standing of W. Tyson, Esqr. (whose Petition for Initiation and Membership had been presented I believe in May), Reported favorably, whereupon he was Ballotted for and as the Box contained a Black Ball, the W. Master after having Stated that the Black Ball might have been put in the Box by mistake directed that the Ballot be repeated and as the Box was again foul the matter was laid over to the next Stated Night of Meeting. In the mean time the Secretary, (Bro. J. D. Moore), went to the different Members and as I am Informed asked them Individually whether they had Voted a Black or White Ball. He asked me why I had Voted a Black Ball, I answered that he did not know what I voted, and requested to know who said I had put in a Black Ball; he replied that they Suspected me for having done it, I told him it was none of their

Business and that they could not find a Man who Knew what I had Voted and Until I said I had put in the Black Ball they had no right to charge me with it. A debate upon a Motion for a Third Ballot ensued in which I was Charged with having Voted the Black Ball; I contended that any Member had privilege to Vote as he thought proper and no one had any right to charge me with having Voted in the Negative Until I said I had so Voted.

On Thursday Evening, June 6th. A Special Meeting of the Lodge was held. I am told that after the Lodge was opened the Worshipful Master informed the Brethren present that one of the Objects of the Meeting was to take into Consideration my resignation, which had been rendered Necessary (as he said) by My Conduct at the last meeting in reference to the application of W. Tyson, Esqr.

The resignation above referred to was sent in by me in September, 1838; it was not received in October because my Dues were not Paid; in December following I requested Bro. J. D. Moore, (who then generally acted as Secretary), to withdraw it, for I would Pay my Dues and Continue a Member of the Lodge. I thought it was of course withdrawn, more particularly as different brethren were informed that my Resignation was not received because I had determined to Continue a Member of the Lodge.

My Resignation was however accepted, my Dues were not Paid and the Lodge did not remit them and thus was violated the 20th Article of the By Laws of the Lodge.

Bro. Alva Mason then offered two Resolutions, the first Stating the concurrence of the Members in the manner of Electing applicants for admission as laid down by the Ahiman Rezon, By Laws of the Lodge, &c.

The Second Resolution after Charging me with Voting the Black Ball in Mr. Tysons Case Censures me for having so done.

In Consequence of the Conduct of the Lodge as herein Stated, I submit to the Grand Lodge the following Charges against Lodge No. 158.

1st. Unmasonic Conduct, in attempting to ascertain what I Voted.

2nd. Unmasonic Conduct, in receiving my Resignation at a Special Meeting when I thought the resignation had been withdrawn Months before.

3d. Unmasonic Conduct, in Accepting my Resignation when my Dues were not Paid, thus Violating the 20th Article of the By Laws.

4th. Unmasonic Conduct, in adopting the Resolutions offered by Bro. A. Mason on Thursday Evening, June 6th.

(Signed) JAMES McCLINTOCK,

Philada., July 1, 1839.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Bro. Z. A. Davis read 3d. June not being ready to report were Continued until the next Grand Communication.

The following Resolutions offered by Bro. J. S. Riley and Seconded, were adopted:

Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be requested to report to this Grand Lodge their Opinion upon the expediency or inexpediency of abolishing or Continuing the office of "Trustees of the Masonic Loans" after the present Masonic Year.

Resolved, that the Committee of Finance be requested to Report to this Grand Lodge the present State of our Sinking Fund, the Stock, &c., &c., which constitute said Fund together with any information they may deem Useful to the Grand Lodge touching said Fund or the Finances of this Grand Lodge generally.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 20 Minutes past Nine o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, September 2d. A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro.	SAML. H. PERKINS,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	Joseph R. Chandler,	R. W. Depy. Grd. Master.
"	Cornelius Stevenson,	" Grd. Senior Warden.
"	Francis Cooper,	" Grd. Junior Warden.
"	Robinson R. Moore,	" Grand Treasurer.
"	Samuel M. Stewart,	" Grand Secretary.

Bro. John Thomson, Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Secretary.
" James Wiltbank, Grand Chaplain.
" William Barger, Sen$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon.
" Cha$^{s.}$ S. Peaslee, Jun$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon, P. T.
" William Whitney, Grand Marshal.
Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Masters, Newcomb and Read.

Lodges Nos. 62, 138, 201, 216, 217, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 158, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at half Past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication June 3^{d} of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of June 17th and of the Extra Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of July 1st were Read and each on Motion Made and Seconded, were Separately Adopted.

The following Report was Received, Read and Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The Committee Appointed on the Complaint of Bro. James McClintock against Meridian Sun Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 158, Respectfully Report,

That they held a Meeting for the purpose of attending to the Duty of their Appointment, but Bro. Campbell the W. M. of the Lodge, being Unable to attend the Meeting they did not proceed with the Business.

That at the Second Meeting Bro. Read was prevented attending from indisposition, and the Parties did not attend, of course the other Members of the Committee did not enter upon the Business.

That a Third Meeting was held on the 30th Ult$^{o.}$ at which Bro. Read being absent from the City did not attend and the W. Master of the Lodge requesting that the hearing might not be gone into in the absence of Bro. Read, nothing was done on the Subject.

The Committee offer the following Resolution, Viz: Resolved, that the Report of the Committee be accepted and that the Committee be continued.

B. Newcomb.
Joseph S. Riley.
John M. Read.

Sept$^{r.}$ 2$^{d.}$ 1839.

A Petition was Received and Read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19 Praying for a Dispensation to hold an Election for a Senior Warden, the present Senior Warden having Removed beyond the Jurisdiction.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Prayer was Granted.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 135 under the Seal thereof announcing that Francis Bannan residing in Manyunk aged years and by Profession an Overseer of Stone Works was Rejected in Said Lodge on the 30th March, 1839.

The following Report was Received, Read and Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance in answer to the First Resolution offered by Bro. Riley at the Extra Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication July 1st Respectfully Report,

That the Conditions of the Masonic Loans give to the Stockholders the right of Electing Six Trustees and in the opinion of your Committee the Grand Lodge has not the power to abolish such right without the Consent of the Loan Holders.

In relation to the Second Resolution offered by Bro. Riley the Committee respectfully State that they are not at present prepared to Report, but expect to be able to Report at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

John Thomson.
W$^{m.}$ H. Adams.
Cha$^{s.}$ S. Peaslee.
Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond.
A. E. Dougherty.

Sept$^{r.}$ 2$^{d.}$ 1839.

The following Resolution offered by Bro. J. S. Riley and Seconded, was laid over Until the next Meeting of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that all the Trust accounts be kept separate from the General accounts of the Grand Lodge.

The following Resolution offered by Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, was also laid over until the Next Meeting of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that the Certificates of Masonic Loan for $4900 held by Trustees of Sinking Fund be forthwith Cancelled and that the Amount of Interest to Credit of said Loan be Credited to the Account of Profit and Loss and that the Balance in hands of Trustees be also credited to Profit and Loss.

On Motion of P. G. M. Bro. John M. Read and Seconded, it was Resolved, that Lodge N°. 158 be prohibited from proceeding in the Case of J. W. Tyson until further Action on the part of the Grand Lodge.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Grand Secretary begs leave to Report the Titles and Balances of Accounts from the Ledger of the Grand Lodge on the 27th December, 1838, with such other Information as he thinks may be acceptable.

Debits.

Due from 20 Lodges in the City of Philad^a., .		3046.40
" " 4 d°. in the County of d°., . .		208.
" " 19 d°. beyond the City and County,		705.92
" " Chapters and Mark Lodges for Rent, .		312.62
" " W. R. Smith late D. D. G. M. Doubtful, ...		90.
" " David Nathans late G. Lecturer, ...	447.	
" " A. Bonnaffon late Tenant in Chestnut St., . . .	628.25	
two accounts not yet finally adjusted, .		1075.25
" " Frederick Plummer, . .	68.75	
" " James Mackie, . . .	228.25	
Tenants of lower Rooms, Washington Hall, the latter doubtful, . .		297.

Robinson R. Moore, Gr. Treas$^{r.}$.	371.53	
Samuel M. Stewart, Gr. Sect$^{y.}$ . .	959.93	
Charles McCaraher, Ch$^{n.}$ Hall Com$^{ee.}$	20.26	
Dan$^{l.}$ Herr late D. D. G. M. for Berks C$^{o.}$	35.	
B. W. Cummings late D. D. G. M. for Schuylkill C$^{o.}$	40.	
due by Disbursing and Receiving officers and Committees, ...		1426.72
Sinking Fund, Consisting of 49 Shares Masonic 6 p$^{r.}$ Cents, . . .	4900.	
Cash in Treasurers hands . .	40.65	
There is due to this Fund Interest on the 49 Shares from 1st July, 1832 to 1st July, 1838, $1764 which would make the actual state of the Fund $6704.65, ...		4940.65
Investments Girard Charity Fund.		
75 Certificates M. Loans 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., .	7500.	
1 d$^{o.}$ " Debt 5 " " .	6000.	
1 d$^{o.}$ " d$^{o.}$ 6 " " .	3964.16	
102 Shares F. and M. Bank at Par .	5100.	
3 d$^{o.}$ Kensington " " " .	150.	
		22714.16
Trustees of Girard Bequest.		
Balance in their hands		1788.56
Charity Committee in their hands,		
9 Certificates M. Loan 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., . .	900.	
1 Certificate of Debt 6 p$^{r.}$ " . .	1343.37	
3 Certificates Penn$^{a.}$ State Loan 5 p$^{r.}$ ct.,	600.	
1 Certificate 11 Shares Southern Loan C$^{o.}$	275.	
Cash in Saving Fund, ...	77	
	3119.14	
less due the Treasurer, ...	60.	
Trustees of the Real Estate.		
Perpetual Insurances.		
$10,000 on Hall in South 3$^{d.}$ St. at the Philad$^{a.}$ Fire and Inland office .	250.	
$7000 on the same at the American Fire Insurance C$^{o.}$, ...	245.	

in addition to the above Sum of $3000 Insurance is affected at the Am^n. Fire Ins^e. C^o. for Seven Years from May 29th, 1838, on the Furniture, &c., in the Hall, ...		495.
Ahiman Rezon, Balance of this A/c Consisting of Copies unbound, ...		933.90
Victor Pepin for his Note rec^d., of the Grand Com. of Charity dated Feby. 21, 1832, at 12 Months, . . .	100.	
Interest on the same to July 1, 1838, .	38.14	
		138.14
Property in South 3^d. St.		
Cost of Washington Hall, . .	25000.	
Altering and Repairing the same, .	8694.07	
		33694.07
Franklin Institute.		
Due 1st Jan^y., 1836 at 6 p^r. ct., .	10000.	
" 1st " 1838 at 6 p^r. ct., .	25183.34	
" 1st " 1840 at 5 p^r. ct., .	25183.33	
" 1st " 1842 at 5 p^r. ct., .	25183.33	
		85550.
Total of Debits, ...		161225.77

Credits.

4th Masonic Loan, ...	20000.	
Masonic Debt, ...	14500.	
Loan of 1825, ...	19000.	
Debt of 1825, ...	500.	
Loan A/c. Funded by Trustees Girard Beq^t.	9964.16	
Mortgage to J. C. Fisher, . . .	6666.66	
d^o. to City Dancing Assembly,	5500.	
Certificate of Debt Gas A/c., . .	2271.16	
Total of Loans on Mortgage and Debts bearing Interest, ...		78401.98
Grand Lodge Charity Fund, ...		3059.14
Stephen Girard Charity, ...		24502.72
City Dancing Assembly for Interest due 1st April,		.990.
Stockholders of Loans and Debt Unclaimed Dividends of which $1764 due to Trustees Sinking Fund, ...		2032.50

Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$ being the Balance of all other accounts in favor of the G$^{rd.}$ Lodge,		52239.43
Total of Credits, ...		161225.77

There has been carried to the *Debit* of Profit and Loss A/c during the year 1838,

Balance of A/c. of		
Lodge N$^{o.}$ 69 Ceased Labors, .	22.	
" " 141 Remitted by G$^{rd.}$ Lodge March 5^{th,} 1838, . . .	134.65	
" " 50 Warrant Surrendered June 18/38,	3.	
" " 119 Remitted by G. Lodge Feb$^{y.}$ 5^{th,} 1838, . . .	62.	
Gas Manufactory after Charging it with Certificates of Debt Issued and to be Issued, ...	5636.39	
General Expense Account, . .	2525.67	
		8383.71

And to the *Credit* of Profit and Loss Acc$^{t.}$

for Sam$^{l.}$ DePuis dues to Lodge N$^{o.}$ 134,	5.	
" Israel L. Crofts, " " " 180,	4.	
John Lindsays Dues to N$^{o.}$ 180, .	1.50	
Certificates Issued through the year,	54.	
Dispensations, " " " "	280.	
Rents Charged, " " " "	869.24	
Dues and Initiation Fees charged, "	2420.	
Joseph Salades Dues to N$^{o.}$ 172, .	5.	
Balance of A/c. Com$^{ee.}$ on Purchase and Sale, ...	5.05	
Interest A/c. less Paid than rec$^{d.}$ through the Year, ...	54.25	
		3698.04
to the Debit of the Grand Lodge, . . .		4685.67

It appears by the Account here rendered that there is a Balance in favor of the Grand Lodge of .		52239.43
From this may be deducted the following as Doubtful Debts,		
No. 82, Milford, ...	17.	
" 132, Waynesburg, Chester Co., .	47.	
" 197, Carlisle, ...	35.	
" 217, Montevedio, ...	33.92	
W. R. Smith, ...	90.	
D. Nathans, ...	447.	
A. Bonnaffon, ...	628.25	
J. Mackie, ...	228.25	
Victor Pepin, ...	138.14	
		1664.56
Making the Actual State of the Grand Lodge,		50574.87
There was due and Owing by the G. L. Decr. 27th, 1838,		
Interest to the Stockholders of Loans and Debt, ...	2032.50	
do. to city Dancing Assembly, .	990.	
do. on Certificates on Gas A/c .	68.13	3090.63
And for the present year 1839,		
Interest to Stockholders of the Loans and Debt, ...	3535.	
do. to City Dancing Assembly, .	330.	
do. to Certificate of Girard Bequest, ...	237.84	
do. to Certificates on A/c. Gas, .	130.26	
do. on Mortgage to J. C. Fisher,	400.	
Appropriation to Grd. Secty. and Grd. Tyler, ...	1000.	
Appropriation to Hall Comee., . .	850.	
		6489.10
		9579.73
Of which have been paid up to this time Sept 2/39		
Interest to Stockholders and others, ... 3645.14		
of the Appropriation for Genl. Expenses, . . 1212.12		
	4857.26	

And the following Balances are in hands of the Grand Treasurer, .	2598.36		
Grand Secretary, .	300.09		
Hall Committee, .	91.26		
		2989.71	
			7846.97
Leaving a deficiency at this time of, . .			1732.76
The Debts due by the City and County Lodges to December 27th, 1838 were,		3254.40	
of which have been collected to Septr. 2d, 1839, ...		1465.11	
Leaving to be Collected, . .		1789.29	

which Sum with Care on the part of the Grd. Treasurer and Grd. Secretary may be Collected previous to the close of the present year and the whole of the Interest and Expenses of the Grand Lodge Paid off and should the present prosperous state of the Grand Lodge Continue, will enable the Grand Lodge to place at least $3000 in its Sinking Fund Next Year.

The Lodges now in Active operation in the City and County of Philadelphia are the following: No. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 187 in the City of Philadelphia.

And in the County of Philadelphia,

No. 81, Germantown.
" 102, Frankford.
" 135, Manyunk.
" 211, Kensington.

the only Legal Lodges beyond the City and County of Philadelphia under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penna. are the following:

No. 22, Sunbury, Northumberland Co.
" 43, Lancaster, Lancaster Co.
" 45, Pittsburg, Allegheny Co., no Returns for 1837 and 1838.
" 60, Brownsville, Fayette Co.

N°. 62, Reading, Berks C°.
" 82, Milford, Pike C°. Suspended Labors no Returns since 1836.
" 113, Pittsburg, Allegheny C°., no Returns for 1837 and 1838.
" 119, Gibson, Susquehanna C°., resumed Labors 1838.
" 132, Waynesburg, Chester C°., had leave to resume Labors in 1839.
" 136, Abington, Montgomery C°.
" 138, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill C°.
" 141, Halifax, Dauphin C°., had leave to resume Labors in 1839.
" 152, Easton, Northampton C°.
" 153, Waynesburg, Greene C°.
" 156, Chestnut Level, Lancaster C°.
" 190, Norristown, Montgomery C°.
" 197, Carlisle, Cumberland C°. Suspended Labors, Warrant detained by Willis Foulke one of its Members.
" 201, Mauch Chunk, Northampton C°.
" 208, New Bloomfield, Perry C°., no Returns for 1837 and 1838.
" 216, Pottsville, Schuylkill C°.
" 217, Montevideo, no Returns since 1832.

The Initiations in 24 Lodges in the City and County of Philad^a. in the Year 1838 were, ...	151
And in 11 Lodges heard from out of 21 beyond the City and County for the same Period were, . . .	87
Total, . .	238

The Undersigned begs leave to Close his remarks by Stating to the R. W. Grand Lodge that his private Duties preclude the possibility of his Acting in the office of Grand Secretary after the Close of the present Masonic Year; he therefore begs leave to recommend their choosing a Successor Qualified to fill the Station previous to the Evening of Election in December next.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

Philad^a., Septr. 2nd, 1839.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. William Clinton of N°. 72 to fill the Vacancy in the Hall Committee occasioned by the Resignation of Bro. Samuel Ashmead.

General Returns from Lodge N°. 60 for 1838 were read and ordered to be filed.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Connecticut and Maryland were Received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 Minutes before 10 o'clock in the Evening to Meet on the 3d Monday of the present month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Septr. 16th, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " Depy. Grd. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " Senior G. W.
" Francis Cooper, " Junior G. W.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grd. Treasurer.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " Grd. Secretary.
" John Thomson, Depy. Grd. Secty.
" Grand Chaplain.
" William Barger, Senr. G. Deacon.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Junr. G. Deacon.
" William Whitney, Grand Marshal.
" J. Steiner, Grd. Sword Bearer.
" John Collins, Grd. Pursuivant.

R. W. Past Grand Masters, Newcomb, Nisbet and Read.

Lodges Nos. 62, 138, 201, 216, 217, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 43, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 211 represented.

Grand Lodge Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter Past Seven o'clock in the Evening there being Twenty Four Lodges Represented.

The following Report from the Committee of Finance was Read and Adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance respectfully present the following statement of Receipts and Payments for the Second Quarter of the present year ending the 30th June.

Receipts.

Lodge Dues, City and County, . .	115.	
Elsewhere, . . .	167.	
		282.
Dispensations 75, Certificates 18, Ahiman Rezon 3, ...		96.
		378.

Payments.

Interest on Mortgage to J. C. Fisher, . . .		200.
Grand Secretary, Salary and Allowances,	200.	
Grand Tyler, d$^{o.}$ and Tyling, .	43.50	
Hall Committee, Coal 6.37, Gas 152.30, Sundries 4.25, ...	162.92	
		406.42
		606.42
Payments exceeding Receipts, ...		228.42

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,
C. S. PEASLEE,
ALEX. DIAMOND,
W. H. ADAMS, } Com.

A Communication was Received, Read and ordered to be filed from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19, announcing that at an adjourned Meeting held on the 12th In$^{t.}$ Bro. George R. Childs was duly Elected Sen$^{r.}$ Warden of said Lodge by Virtue of a Dispensation Granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Grand Communication held the 2nd In$^{t.}$

The following Report was Received, Read and Accepted and the Resolution attached thereto was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The Undersigned Members of the Com^ee.^ to whom was referred the Complaint of Bro. Z. A. Davis against Bro. Robinson R. Moore,

Respectfully Report,

That from the Statement of the Parties and the evidence produced before them it appeared that Brother Davis and Bro. Moore visited Meridian Sun Lodge, N°. 158, at the stated Meeting of the Lodge held on the 5th day of March last past. That Several Initiations took place at that Meeting. That Bro. Davis at the request of the W. Master of the Lodge officiated in his place during the last of them, and that Bro. Moore after Bro. Davis had given some Instructions to the newly initiated brethren and directed them to retire, recalled them and gave them different Instructions. It does not appear that any thing further took place on the subject during the Sitting of the Lodge on that Evening.

Although Bro. Campbell the W. Master had called upon Bro. Davis to officiate for him, yet the government of the Lodge was upon him Bro. Campbell, and the right to decide was in him and an Appeal might have been made to him by either of the brethren as to which was right, or he might have decided without the Application of either.

A Brother has the right if any thing takes place in his presence that he believes to be incorrect, to endeavor in a proper manner to Correct it or have it Corrected, Subject of course to the direction of the W. Master, who has it in his Power at all times to put a stop to such interference if he thinks fit, the Brother having the right to retire and apply to the Grand Lodge if in his opinion the matter requires it.

The Undersigned are of Opinion that Bro^r.^ Davis at the time believed the Instruction given by him to be Correct, and that Bro. Moore at the time believed the Instructions given by him to be Correct and that the object of each of the Brethren was that the newly Initiated brethren should receive Correct Instruction but they differed in Opinion on the Subject.

The Standing of Bro. Davis and Bro. Moore in the Order and their well known Zeal for its Interest, forbid the belief that either of them would designedly act in either an Ungentlemanly or Unmasonic Manner.

The Undersigned will further add that neither of them being Members of Lodge N°. 158, Bro. Moore was not bound to attend the Committee of that Lodge Unless he thought fit to do so.

All which is respectfully Submitted, with the Subjoined Resolutions.

Signed. JOHN M. READ,
B. NEWCOMB.

Septr. 16th. 1839.

Resolved, that the foregoing Report be accepted and that the Committee be discharged from the further Consideration of the subject.

The following Report was Received, Read, and with the Resolutions attached thereto were Separately Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.:

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition and Complaint of Brother James McClintock,

Respectfully Report,

That Bro. James McClintock a Member and Senior Warden of Meridian Sun Lodge, N°. 158, tendered his resignation as a Member of Said Lodge, at its Stated Meeting, in September, 1838. The Original Paper Cannot be found, and there is no notice taken of its presentation in the Minutes of that Meeting. In the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October, 1838, the resignation is noticed as being laid over with other Business.

It appears by the Testimony adduced before the Committee, that on the day of the Election in Said Lodge in December last, Bro. McClintock verbally requested Bro. Moore who was the Treasurer of the Lodge, and who at that time acted as Secretary to withdraw his Resignation. This although it was communicated to the W. Master and others was not made Known to the Lodge.

Bro. McClintock attended the Stated Meeting of the Lodge in March, 1839, and was received and Acted as a Member at the

Stated Meeting in May, 1839. Bro. McClintocks dues Amounting to $7 were Paid through Bro. Moore.

At this Meeting the Petition of J. W. Tyson for Initiation and Membership was presented and referred to a Committee.

At the Stated Meeting on the 4th June, 1839, Bro. McClintock attended and acted as a Member, and officiated during a part of the Evening as Junior Warden. The Report of the Comee. on Mr. Tyson was favorable and he was Ballotted for and not approved. The Ballotting Box was twice declared Foul and it was moved to send it round a Third time which was finally withdrawn after some discussion and the result declared by the W. M. as above Stated.

It appears that Bro. McClintock exercised his right of Voting as a Member without objection, and the only controversy appeared to be as to the Manner in which he had exercised it.

A Special Meeting was Called by the W. M. on the 6th June, 1839, and the object of the Meeting was not Stated on the face of the Notices to the Members. An Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened at 7½ o'clock, P. M. and the W. M. announced the purpose for which the special Meeting was Called which was to take into Consideration the resignation of Bro. James McClintock which had been rendered necessary by the action of the said Bro. McClintock on the Application of J. W. Tyson for Membership to the Lodge on the Stated Meeting and which he said he need not now advert to more particularly and likewise Enter Mr. William Ewing.

The resignation of Bro. McClintock was then read when on Motion of Bro. Alva Mason it was unanimously Resolved, that the resignation of Bro. James McClintock be accepted and that he be no longer a Member of this Lodge.

Some irregular resolutions were then Passed reflecting on the Brother whose resignation had been thus Accepted. Bro. McClintock was not present at the time the resignation was Accepted, but came into the Lodge Shortly afterwards and Verbally Protested against the Proceedings.

Your Committee are of opinion that the resignation of Bro. McClintock was Irregularly Acted upon by the Lodge at the Special Meeting of the 6th June last, Because it was at a Special Meeting and not a Stated One and without Notice of the object of the Meeting to Bro. McClintock or the other Members

of the Lodge and his Dues were neither Paid nor remitted by the Lodge.

This being the Case Bro. McClintock has never Ceased to be a Member of Lodge No. 158 and is still a Member of that number.

Connected with this Act of the Lodge are other Acts which your Committee deem it their Duty to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge.

The Ahiman Rezon Page 167 Says "if an Applicant be rejected, a *Second Ballot* may be had on the Motion of any Member duly Seconded made at *one Stated Meeting* and adopted at the next" (Stated) meeting or some Subsequent "(Stated) Meeting." But the Ballot so allowed shall be had at the Stated Meeting next subsequent to that at which such Motion was adopted."

The shortest Period therefore allowed by the Ahiman Rezon for a Second Ballot would be as follows: on the Night of the Rejection of the Candidate a Motion may be made by any Member and duly Seconded, that a Second Ballot be had. This is all that can be done on that Night. At the Next Stated Meeting this Motion for a Second Ballot may be adopted, and if so then the Ballot itself must be had at the Next Stated Meeting and if favourable he may be Initiated, if unfavorable he is finally Rejected. This is the Shortest possible time at which the first Ballot may be thus revised by a Second one.

After the rejection of Mr. Tyson on the 4th June, on Motion made by Bro. J. D. Moore and Seconded, that the Ballot of Mr. J. W. Tyson be reconsidered and that it lay over till our next Stated Meeting which was agreed to.

The Motion was Irregular. It should have been that a Second Ballot be had.

At the Stated Meeting in July last on Motion of Bro. Alva Mason, Seconded by Bro. Campbell, that the resolution offered by Bro. J. D. Moore at our last Stated Meeting be reconsidered, the Ballot then be had for the admission of Mr. J. W. Tyson be now had upon which the Motion was reconsiderd and unanimously adopted and that we enter into a Ballot for Mr. J. W. Tyson and a Ballot was thereupon had and approved.

This was certainly irregular for if the Motion of the 3d June had been regular, the only Question that could be put at the

July Meeting was, shall the Motion for a Second Ballot be adopted.

The whole therefore of the proceedings of the July Stated Meeting are Contrary to the Ahiman Rezon.

The effort made on the 6th August to amend these proceedings it is hardly necessary to say was unsuccessful, as the Lodge could not alter the proceedings themselves which actually took place at the July Meeting.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that all the proceedings of the Lodge in relation to Mr. Tysons Case, subsequent to the 4th June last should be rescinded, particularly as Bro. McClintock had no opportunity of participating in these Acts of the Lodge.

Your Committee in Closing this Report feel it a duty to the order to make one or two Friendly remarks.

The right to reject a Candidate should be exercised with Caution and in good Faith and no Brother has a Moral right so to do if actuated by any base or unworthy motive. At the same time the exercise of this right is between him and his conscience and no Brother has the power either to enquire into his ballot or the motives which have influenced him in giving his Vote.

Harmony is indispensable to the Success of a Lodge and it therefore becomes a duty in a Member about to introduce a Candidate into the Order, to ascertain whether he is acceptable to the Members of the Lodge and if he is not, however worthy he may be, it is but a Friendly and Masonic Act to advise him to apply to another Number.

Whenever it also becomes apparent that Harmony cannot continue in a Lodge, it is proper that the Connexion between the Members and the Lodge should cease in a Friendly way, actuated therefore by the best Feelings towards all concerned in this unpleasant appeal to the Grand Lodge we feel it a duty to advise Bro. McClintock and Lodge No. 158 to dissolve their Connexion in a Brotherly and Masonic manner.

In Conclusion your Committee offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, that all the Proceedings of the Meeting of the 6th June last of Lodge No. 158 in relation to Bro. James McClintock including the resolutions passed after his resignation was accepted be and they are hereby rescinded.

Resolved, that all the Proceedings of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 158 in relation to M$^{r.}$ J. W. Tyson subsequent to the Meeting of the 4th June be and they are hereby rescinded.

B. Newcomb.
John M. Read.
Joseph S. Riley.

Philad$^{a.}$, Sept$^{r.}$ 16th 1839.

The Resolution offered by Bro. Riley at the Quarterly Grand Communication 2$^{d.}$ In$^{t.}$ Viz: "that all the Trust Accounts be kept Separate from the General Accounts of the Grand Lodge" was then taken up and on the Question being put was decided in the Negative.

The Resolution offered at same time by Bro. Dougherty relative to the Stock of the Sinking Fund was withdrawn and the following substitute was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted:

Resolved, that the amount of Interest due and becoming due on the Masonic Loans to the Credit of Sinking Fund be Paid over to the Trustees thereof for Investment as soon as practicable.

R. W. P. G. Master Bro. T. B. Freeman presented to the Grand Lodge through the R. W. Deputy Grand Master a Number of Lithographic *Fac Similes* of a Letter of General Washington which were accepted and on Motion made and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. P. G. Master Bro. T. B. Freeman for the Donation.

On Motion of Bro. W$^{m.}$ H. Adams and Seconded, it was Resolved, that it be referred to the Hall Com$^{ee.}$ to Carry into effect the Resolution Passed 20th February, 1832, Viz: Resolved, that so much of the Will of Bro. Girard as Contains the Legacy to this Grand Lodge be Copied and appropriately Framed, and Hung up in a Conspicuous part of the Grand Lodge Room.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at Nine o'clock in the Evening.

Samuel M. Stewart,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December 2d, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Quarterly Grand Communication. Present:

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " Depy. G. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " S. Grd. Warden, P. T.
" David Boyd, " J. Grd. Warden, P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, " Grd. Treasurer.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " Grd. Secretary.
" " Grd. Chaplain.
" William Barger, Senr. Grd. Deacon.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Junr. Grd. Deacon.
" William Whitney, Grd. Marshal.
" J. Steiner, Grd. Sword Bearer.
" John Collins, Grd. Pursuivant.
Past Grd. Masters, Newcomb, Badger, Nisbet, Read.

Lodges Nos. 62, 201, 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 91, 114, 115, 121, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186, 187 and 217 represented.

Twenty Three Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at a Quarter past Six o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Grand Communication of the 2d. September and of the Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication of the 16th September were Read and on Motion made and Seconded, were each Separately Adopted.

This being the Evening appointed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge for the Annual Election of Officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to Ballott for them when it appeared that the following Brethren were duly Elected, Viz:

Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, R. W. Deputy G. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, R. W. Senr. Grd. Warden.
" William Barger, R. W. Junr. Grd. Warden.
in the place of Bro. Francis Cooper who declined a Re-election.
Bro. Robinson R. Moore, R. W. Grd. Treasurer.
" Michael Nisbet, R. W. Grd. Secretary.
in the place of Bro. Samuel M. Stewart who declined a Re-election.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to Elect by Ballott Five Trustees of the Girard Bequest when it appeared the following Brethren were duly Elected:

Samuel Wonderly.
Thomas Biddle.
Alexander Diamond.
Bayse Newcomb.
Samuel Badger.

The following was Received, Read and ordered to lie over until next Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance would Suggest the Propriety and Justice of Paying to the Grand Treasurer, in future, a yearly Salary for his Services. They would recommend this measure as the office is one of great responsibility and requiring much time and labour in the performance of the duties of the office will be greatly Increased by the Resolution passed on the 1st July last. As the officers to be Elected this Evening will begin and Continue their Labours agreeably to the Resolution before referred to this would be the proper time in the Opinion of your Committee to adopt this measure. They therefore annex a Resolution in Accordance with their Views.

Respectfully Submitted.

John Thomson,
W$^{m.}$ H. Adams,
A. E. Dougherty,
Alex$^{r.}$ Diamond, } Com$^{ee.}$

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 2^{d,} 1839.

Resolved, that a Yearly Salary of Two Hundred Dollars be Paid to the Grand Treasurer, Commencing from and after St. Johns Day next to be Paid in the Same Manner that the Salary of the Grand Secretary is now Paid.

The following was received, Read and ordered to lie over until the next Quarterly Grand Communication.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee of Finance would recommend the reduction of the Grand Secretarys Salary to Six Hundred Dollars (including allowances for Stationery, &c.,) commencing from and after St. Johns Day next. They believe that the Duties of this

office will be materially diminished, they therefore recommend the adoption of the Annexed Resolution in the manner required by the Ahiman Rezon.

Respectfully Submitted.

John Thomson,
Wm. H. Adams,
A. E. Dougherty,
Alexr. Diamond, } Comee.

Philada., Decr. 2d., 1839.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances be Six Hundred Dollars Commencing on St. Johns Day 5839 (1839).

Bro. Joseph S. Riley offered the following Resolution which was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to Collect and Publish in Pamphlet Form of Convenient Size all the Resolutions, Orders and Enactments enacted by this Grand Lodge since the Publication of the Ahiman Rezon, that are now in force whether the Same relates to the Government of the Craft generally or to the Committee or Trustees appointed or Elected by this Grand Lodge.

A Petition was Received and Read from a Number of Brethren Members of late Lodge No. 142 formerly held at Humphreysville, Chester County, Praying for leave to Resume Labors under their Old Warrant, whereupon on Motion made and Seconded, the Prayer of the Petitioners were Granted.

A Communication was Received and Read from Lodge No. 152, held at Easton, praying leave to Change their time of Meeting on Monday instead of Thursday after full Moon and also to reduce their Monthly Dues from Twenty five to Twelve and an Half Cents. Referred to the Com. on By Laws.

A Communication was Received and Read from Bro. E. M. Lenigan of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Stating that at the Stated Meeting in September H—— G—— and H—— S—— were Rejected after a Second Ballot. Referred to the Grand Secretary to reply.

The following Report was received, Read and Accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Finance respectfully present the following Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Third Quarter ending September 30th, A. D. 1839.

Receipts.

Lodge and Chapter Dues,		
City and County, .	380.52	
Elsewhere, . .	148.00	
		528.52
Dispensations $45, Certificates $12, Ahiman Rezon $3, ...		60.
Franklin Institute for Interest, ...		2314.67
Error in Crediting Franklin Institute in former A/c.,		20
Rent of lower Rooms and Cellar, ...		125.
		3028.39

Payments.

Interest to Stockholders, ...		1603.
" on Certificate of Debt to Girard Bequest,		118.92
" to Sinking Fund, ...		1217.20
Gr^d. Secretary, Salary and Allowances, . . .		200.
Gr^d. Tyler, d^o. and Tyling, . . .		46.50
Stationery for the use of Gr^d. Treasurer, . .		7.12
Hall Committee for Coal 100.57, Repairs 7.00, ...	107.57	
Paving in Front of Hall (by Vote of Gr^d. Lodge . , ...	50.	
		157.57
Payments exceeding Receipts $321.92.		3350.31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,
W^M. H. ADAMS,
ALEX^R. DIAMOND,
A. E. DOUGHERTY, } Com^ee.

Philad^a., Decr. 2^d. 1839.

Communications were Received and Referred to the Committee on Correspondence from the Grand Lodges of Ireland, New Hampshire and Kentucky.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 Minutes before Ten o'clock in the Evening to meet again on the 3^d Monday of the present month.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADA., Monday, December 16th, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Penna., Adjourned Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, R. W. Grand Master.
" Joseph R. Chandler, " Deputy G. M.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " G. Senr. Warden.
" William Barger, " G. Junr. W., P. T.
" Robinson R. Moore, " G. Treasurer.
" Samuel M. Stewart, " G. Secretary.
" John Thomson, Depy. G. Secretary.
" Grand Chaplain.
" J. Dalzell Moore, Senr. G. Deacon, P. T.
" J. W. McGrath, Junr. G. Deacon, P. T.
" William Whitney, Grd. Sword Bearer.
" Robt. Hutchinson, Grd. Sword Bearer, P. T.
" John Collins, Grd. Pursuivant.

Past Grand Masters, Bros. Newcomb, Badger and Nisbet.

Lodges Nos. 62, 201, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 155, 158, 186 and 187 represented.

Twenty One Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form at twenty Minutes past Six o'clock in the Evening.

On Motion made and Seconded, a Number of Brethren were admitted as Visitors.

The following Report was Received, Read and Accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.

The Committee of Correspondence respectfully report,

That since the last Report they have had the Honor of submitting to your Worshipful Body the following Communications have been referred to them.

Grand Lodge of Ireland for the year	1838.
Mississippi	"
Maryland	"
Alabama	"
Kentucky	1839.
Maryland	"

Connecticut	1839.
Maine	"
Florida	"
Louisiana	"
Georgia	"
Virginia	"
Indiana	"
New Hampshire	"

These Communications contain the usual details of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges and of their financial situations. As a whole they are indicative of a slow but gradual Improvement of the Condition of the order throughout the Union and your Committee have not found any matter in them which requires any special action on the part of this Grand Lodge.

Which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. Prevost, } Com^ee.
A. J. Phillips, }

Returns of Dispensations Issued by Bro. Robert Moderwell, D. D. Grand Master for the County of Lancaster were Received, Read and ordered to be filed.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Jersey were Received, Read and Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

General Returns were Received, Read and ordered to be filed from Lodge N°. 45 held at Pittsburg for the Years 1837 and 1838. In 1838 G—— B——, Expelled, F. G. S——, Rejected.

The By Laws of Lodge N°. 130 as Amended Octr. 16th, 1839 were Read and Referred to the Committee on By Laws.

The Committee on By Laws to whom was referred Sundry alterations in the By Laws of Lodge N°. 152, held at Easton, Reported that they had examined the same and offer the following Resolutions for the Consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge:

Resolved, that so much of the alterations of the By Laws of Lodge N°. 152 as relates to changing the time of Meeting

from Thursday before Full Moon to Monday before full Moon be and the same are hereby approved.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do not approve of the Reduction of Dues from 25 to 12½ Cents per Month at this time as it appears Impossible for any Lodge to Comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge and perform its Masonic Duties when its Monthly Dues are so trifling.

The Report was approved and the Resolutions Attached thereto were adopted.

The following Report was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$:

The Committee on By Laws to whom was Referred the By Laws of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 130 as Amended Oct$^{r.}$ 16th last,

Respectfully recommend the Approval of the same.

SAM$^{L.}$ M. STEWART, } Com.
SAM$^{L.}$ DAVIS,

Philad$^{a.,}$ Dec$^{r.}$ 16^{th,} 1839.

The following was Received, Read and on Motion made and Seconded, referred to P. Grand Masters Badger, Nisbet and Read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn$^{a.}$ and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Petition of the Subscriber respectfully Sheweth,

That he is a Master Mason and Member of Hermans Lodge, N$^{o.}$ 125, that on the Evening of the 22$^{d.}$ November the Annual Election took place for Officers, your Petitioner then being in Good Standing in said Lodge, was Refused voting for the various officers by the Command of the Worshipful Brother Tobias Beehler and refusing to give your Petitioner any explanation, nor would he permit him to speak even once on the Subject.

Your Petitioner considers the Conduct of the W. M. not alone Unjust and contrary to the Rules and regulations of the Order, but Unmasonic in depriving him of his dearest Privilege, the right of Voting without a legal cause.

Your Petitioner relying on the Justice of the R. W. Grand

Lodge Prays that a Committee of Investigation be appointed to restore him his Privileges.

And as in duty Bound he will ever Pray.

Signed. L. A. WOLLENWEBER.

Philad^a., Novr. 28th, 1839.

We, the Undersigned, Past Masters of Herman Lodge, N°. 125, respectfully submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge that they were present on the Night of Election for Officers in said Lodge and testify to the Truth of the within Petitioners Statement and humbly beg that the R. W. the Grand Lodge interpose their Authority to prevent the Installation of the Officers of said Lodge who by the deprivation of the Petitioners Vote were illegally elected, until such time as an Investigating Committee has reported to your Honorable Body the result of their Labors.

And as in duty Bound they will forever Pray.

(Signed) CLEMENT VEIT.
C. SCHEID.
J. G. ZEIGLER.

Philad^a., Nov. 29th, 1839.

We the Subscribers Members of Herman Lodge, N°. 125, respectfully submit to the R. W. the Grand Lodge that they fully Conceive in the expression and Request of the above named Past Masters.

Signed. W. M., JACOB HAHNLEN.
CHRISTIAN KLEIN.
F. A. ACHTEMACHT.
JOHN G. MERTENS.
SOLOMON DOEBELY.
SEBASTIAN OBERES.
JOHN YEAGER.

The following was Received, Read and Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penn^a.

The Committee of Finance present the Subjoined Estimate of the probable Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1840, Viz:

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage on late Hall by Franklin Institute,		
Balance on Instalment due Jany. 1, 1836,	10.000.00	
Instalment " " " 1838,	25.183.34	
d^o. " " " 1840,	25.183.33	
	60.366.67	
at 6 p^r. ct., . .		3622.
d^o. due 1st Jany. 1842, $25.183.33 at 5 p^r. ct.,		1259.16
Dues from City, County and Country Lodges 1837 and 1838 .	1200.00	
" " Country Lodges 1839, .	400.00	
" and Rent City and Country Lodges 1839, ...	2000.00	
		3600.00
Rent of 4 Chapters and 1 Mark Lodge, . .		110.
" " Lower Rooms and Cellar. . . .		400.
Dispensations and Certificates, ...		300.
		9291.16

Expenditures.

Interest on Masonic Loans, . . .	3535.	
d^o. unclaimed for 1839, . . .	203.	
d^o. on Certificate of Debt due to Trustees Girard Bequest, .	237.84	
" due and unpaid to Trustees of Sinking Fund, . . .	840.40	
Interest on Gas Certificates, . . .	279.65	
" on Mortgage to Fisher and Dancing assembly, . .	730.	
Grand Secretary, Salary and Allowances,	800.	
Grand Tylers, d^o. d^o. .	200.	
Fuel, Gas, Taxes, Water Rent and Incidental Expenses, ...	800.	
		7626.29
Estimated Excess of Receipts over Expenditures,		1664.87

Respectfully Submitted,

A. E. Dougherty,
John Thomson,
Alex^R. Diamond, } Com.

Philadelphia, Decr. 16th, 1839.

On Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, it was Resolved, that the Sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Six Dollars and Forty two Cents be and is hereby appropriated to Pay the Amount of Interest due on Masonic Loans and Gas Certificates on the 1st January, 1840.

The following offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted.

Whereas, it is Important to keep the Grand Lodge advised of the State of its Finances at short Periods, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Treasurer Report Quarterly, an abstract of his Receipts and disbursements to this Grand Lodge.

The Resolution offered by the Committee of Finance at the last Quarterly Grand Communication relative to the Compensation of the Grand Treasurer was then taken up and on Motion made and Seconded, was Adopted.

The Resolution offered by the Committee of Finance at the last Quarterly Grand Communication relative to Reducing the Grand Secretarys Salary and Allowances, was on Motion of Bro. A. E. Dougherty and Seconded, Withdrawn.

The following offered by Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded, was on Motion made and Seconded, Adopted. Whereas, this Grand Lodge has large Amounts of Money due to it and is also largely Indebted, and deeming it of the highest Importance that the first should be speedily Collected and the latter as speedily Paid,

Therefore be it Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed to take the whole Subject into consideration and Report the best and most expeditious mode of Collecting the one and liquidating the other.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to Appoint on said Committee Bros. Riley, Newcomb, R. R. Moore, A. E. Dougherty and J. A. Phillips.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report which was Read and on Motion made and Seconded, was Ordered to be Entered on the Minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Penna.:

The Committee of Finance respectfully Report, that they have examined the Statement submitted by the R. W. Grand Secretary on the 2d of September last, Containing the Titles and Balances of the accounts from the Ledger of the Grand Lodge

and having compared the Balances as Stated with the accounts as Balanced in the Ledger have found the same to be Correct.

They Subjoin an abstract from the Grand Secretarys Statement of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, Viz:

New Hall Including cost of alteration and repairs, .		33694.07
Trustees of Real Estate, ...		750.
Franklin Institute Total Debt, Principal, . . .		85550.
Sinking Fund, ...		4940.65
Gr$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$, Gr$^{d.}$ Sect$^{y.}$ and other disbursing officers,		1426.72
Subordinate Lodge Dues, ...		4273.18
Insurance Deposit, ...		495.
		131129.62
Debts due by Plummer, Mackie, Smith, Nathans, Bonafon and Pepin, . .	1600.39	
Ahiman Rezon, ...	933.90	
		2534.29
		133663.91

Liabilities.

Masonic Loan of Nov$^{r.}$ 15, 1819, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	20000.	
Masonic Loan of Dec$^{r.}$ 28, 1820, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	9200.	
Masonic Loan of Dec$^{r.}$ 24, 1822, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	3700.	
Masonic Loan of Dec$^{r.}$ 1, 1823, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	1600.	
Masonic Loan of Sept$^{r.}$ 4, 1824, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	19000.	
Masonic Loan of Feb$^{y.}$ 18, 1833, @ 6 p$^{r.}$ ct., ...	6000.	
Certificate of Debt Issued to No$^{s.}$ 9 and 59 Amt$^{y.}$ to . . .	500.	
Certificate of Debt Issued to Trustees of Girard Legacy .	3964.16	
		63964.16
Gas Loan		2271.16

Mortgage to J. C. Fisher @ 6 pr. ct., ...	6666.66		
Mortgage to City Dancing Assembly 6 pr. ct., . . .	5500.		
		12166.66	
Interest due Loan Holders, .	2032.50		
ditto " City dancing Assembly on Mortgage, . .	990.		
		3022.50	
			81424.48
Balance in favor of Grand Lodge, . .			52239.43

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed. JOHN THOMSON.
A. E. DOUGHERTY.
ALEXR. DIAMOND.

On Motion of Bro. Joseph S. Riley and Seconded by Bro. William Badger, it was Resolved Unanimously, that the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Samuel M. Stewart for his long and Faithful Services as Grand Secretary and that the Grand officers Elect be a Committee to Convey the same to him.

Grand Lodge Closed in Harmony at half Past Eight o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL M. STEWART,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHNS DAY, Philadelphia, Thursday, December 27th, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839.

Grand Lodge of Pennsya., Annual Grand Communication.

Present:

Brothr.	SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Corns. Stevenson,	" "	Senior Grand Warden.
"	William Barger,	" "	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Robn. R. Moore,	" "	Grand Treasurer.
"	Saml. M. Stewart,	" "	Grand Secretary.
"	John Thomson,	" "	Depy. Gd. Secty.

Broth$^{r.}$ John D. Moore, S$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$ Deacon, P. T.
" W$^{m.}$ Martin, N$^{o.}$ 3, Jun$^{r.}$ G$^{d.}$ Deacon, P. T.
" James Wiltbank, Grand Chaplain.
" William Whitney, Grand Marshal.
" J. Steiner, " Sword Bearer.
" John Collins, " Pursuivant.
Past Grand Masters, Freeman, Nisbet, Reed, Randall.

Lodges Nos. 201, 62, 217, 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91, 114, 115, 125, 130, 135, 186 and 211 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form at 20 Minutes past 10 o'clock, A. M.

That part of the minutes relating to the Election of Grand Officers having been read, from the Minutes of the Grand Quarterly Communication of the 2'd, and the following Officers elected being present were severally Installed into their respective offices, And being duly proclaimed received the accustomed Salutations of the Craft, Viz:

Brot$^{hr.}$ Samuel H. Perkins, R. W. Grand Master.
" Cornelius Stevenson, " " S$^{r.}$ Grand Warden.
" William Barger, " " J$^{r.}$ " "
" Robinson R. Moore, " " Grand Treas$^{r.}$
" Michael Nisbet, " " " Secretary.

The Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments for the ensuing year, Viz:

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Joseph Kingsbery of Sheshequin, Bradford County, for the Counties of Bradford and Tioga.

Bro. Robert Moderwell of the City of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.

Bro. William B. Potts of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, for the County of Schuylkill.

Bro. David S. Gordon of Reading, for the County of Berks.

Bro. Robert Clarke of Brownsville, Fayette County, for the Counties of Fayette and Greene.

Bro. James M. Porter of Easton, Northampton County, for the Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna.

Bro. John Birmingham of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.

Grand Chaplains.
Viz:

Rev$^{d.}$ Bro$^{r.}$ Robert Piggott.
" " John Chambers.
" " James Wiltbank.
" " Peter Van Pilt.
" " John B. Clemson.
" " Orson Douglass.
" " Charles Hoover.

Grand Deacons,
Viz:

Brother John D. Moore, 158, Sen$^{r.}$ Grand Deacon.
" J. W. McGrath, 130, Jun$^{r.}$ " "
Brothers Lambert Keating, 2 and
W$^{m.}$ Mayweg, 125, Grand Stewards.
Brother William Whitney, 51, Grand Marshal.
Brother Jacob Steiner, 125, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brother John Collins, 2, Grand Pursuivant.
" Charles Schneider, 71, Grand Tyler.

Committee of Charity.

Brot$^{hr.}$ Charles Stout, N$^{o.}$ 67.
" Jacob Alter, " 72.
" Charles Esenwein, " 125.
" John Jones, " 67.
" Matthew Cartwright, " 211.

Committee of Finance.

Brot$^{r.}$ Alexander E. Dougherty of N$^{o.}$ 115.
" William H. Adams " " 59.
" C. S. Peaslee, " " 51.
" Alexander Diamond " " 115.
" Joseph S. Riley " " 130.

Committee of Correspondence.

Bro$^{s.}$ Andrew M. Prevost of N$^{o.}$ 121.
" J. A. Phillips " " 71.
" J. S. Zornes " " 3.

Committee on Publication.

Bro$^{s.}$ E. W. Keyser of N$^{o.}$ 121.
" C. V. Hagner " " 135.
" Peter Fritz " " 155.

Committee on By Laws.
of Subordinate Lodges.

Bro^s. Samuel Davis of N°. 121.
" Alva Mason " " 158.
" Michael Nisbet, Gr^d. Secre^y.

Hall Committee.

Bro^s. Charles McCaraher of N°. 3.
" John C. Smith " " 67.
" William Clinton " " 72.

The Grand Secretary nominated Bro^r. John Thomson of Lodge N°. 51 as Deputy Grand Secretary; Which nomination was unanimously approved by the R. W. G. Lodge.

Bro^r. P. G. Master J. Randall laid the following letter before the G. Lodge, Viz:

Sheshequin, 14th Dec^r., 1839.

My dear Sir and Brother,

You will readily conclude from the address that I am about to communicate with you on the subject of Masonry. I address you on the subject because I do not know the name of the G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pa. and because our former personal acquaintance induces me to believe that a communication from me on the subject of Masonry would not be unacceptable. Those considerations I flatter myself, will be a sufficient apology for the trouble I may give you.

I shall now proceed to state the object of this Communication, first observing, however, that I have no doubt you are well aware of the difficulties Masonry has had to contend with in some parts within the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Pa. on account of the Antemasonic excitement. In this County we have had to contend with the influence of an Antemasonic Press and the excitement ran so high that at a meeting of the members of Lodge N°. 70, it was thought advisable to desist from our labours, until the times became more favorable. This conclusion I communicated to the G. Lodge, with a request that they would sanction the procedure, and allow us to hold our Charter until we could go to work again without disturbance.

To this request I received no answer, and it was therefore concluded that it was *Silently* acquiesced in by the Grand Lodge. Being confirmed in this belief by reason that our Charter was not called for, and that I was continued for several years thereafter Dis$^{t.}$ Dep. G. Master.

I have now the pleasure to state to you that Antemasonry in this quarter is either dead or asleep. *If dead*, we shall not in any violent manner, tread upon its ashes; but suffer them as time may operate, to be scattered by the winds of heaven; *If asleep*, we shall not by any boisterous exultation wake the *Monster* up to any new vituperation, but endeavor to preserve *the even tenor of our way* in peace and quietness.

From this aspect in the elements of Masonry in this quarter, a number of the old and respectable Masons belonging to the former three Lodges in this County, have thought the proper time had arrived when they might take up their tools and go to work again. It has therefore been concluded to unite as many zealous Masons, (and others more recently settled in the place), as could be well got together and form a central Lodge to meet at Towanda, the seat of Justice for Bradford County and to go to work under the Wysox Charter, Towanda being, when that Charter was granted a part of Wysox Township, and of course is now within the limits of its boundaries. Agreeably to this arrangement, 21 Masons convened together on Tuesday evening the 10th ins$^{t.}$ and organized themselves preparatory for going to work, the particulars of which will be communicated to the G. Lodge in due time.

I have thought it my duty to communicate these, our intentions, to the G. Lodge at as early a period as possible, being induced thereto, from not knowing how Masons in this quarter stand with the Grand Lodge. Although I cannot believe that any thing has been done by that body to our discredit. *If so*, it would seem to me from Ancient usages and common courtesy, that we should have had notice thereof. Neither am I certain that we should have consumated the movement to the extent we have gone, without first Communicating our intention to the Grand Lodge. If, however, we have erred in our proceedings by having gone too fast, it must be attributed to our awakened zeal in a good cause, and therefore we trust that we shall be pardoned by the Grand Lodge and all

made right by such resolutions as they have the power to adopt.

And now to conclude. I have great confidence in Stating, that if permitted to go on in the way we propose that we shall *rear up* a lodge more respectable and more useful, than any lodge heretofore established in this Country. Will you Br. Randall make these, our intentions, known to the Grand Lodge at the earliest opportunity? By doing which you will confer a favor on those concerned and particularly so on him who has the honor to be, with great esteem and fraternal regard,

Your Ob^t. Servt.

JOSEPH KINGSBERY.

Hon. Josiah Randall,
Philad^a.

P. G. Master Bro. Randall then moved that the Grand Lodge approve the proceedings set forth in the foregoing letter; Said Motion, on Motion Made by Bro. J. S. Riley was amended, so as to refer said Letters to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

On Motion resolved, That the Trustees of this Grand Lodge be requested to demand payment of the proper officer or officers, of the Franklin institute the amount falling due on the first of January next, or in the event of the non payment to have the said Instalment placed on Interest at Six per Cent.

On motion resolved, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to examine all the Books, papers, accounts, certificate of Stock, evidences of Debts, securities and title Deeds belonging to the Grand Lodge or to any of the trust funds under their charge in the hands of the different officers or committees of the Grand Lodge, or of any of the Trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge or in pursuance of any contract entered into with the holders of the Loans of the Grand Lodge, and to report a detailed statement of their present condition to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 12 o'clock, M.

MICHAEL NISBET,
Grand Secretary.

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